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Promises of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
I will establish peace in their homes.
I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.
I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
Tepid souls shall become fervent.
Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

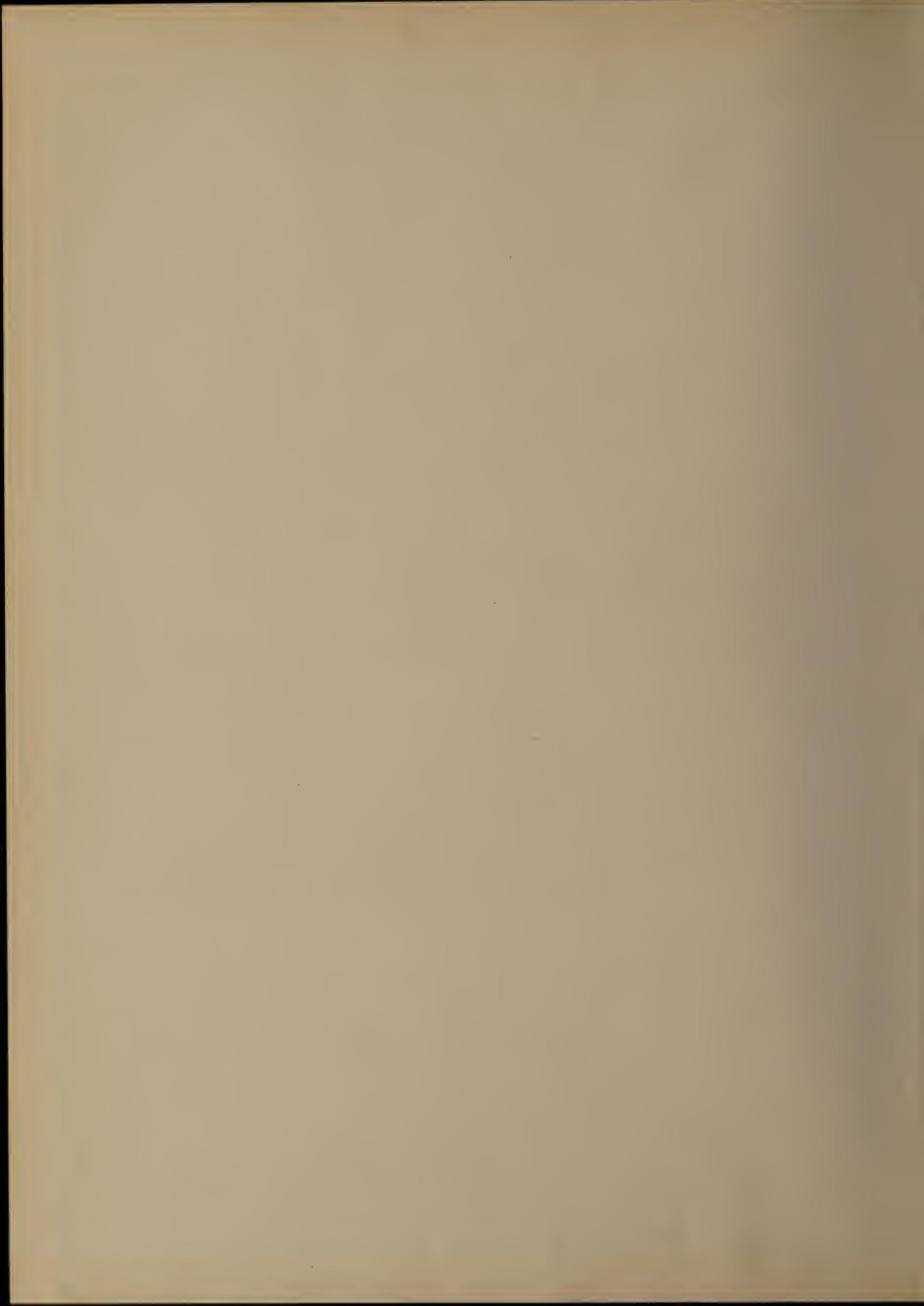
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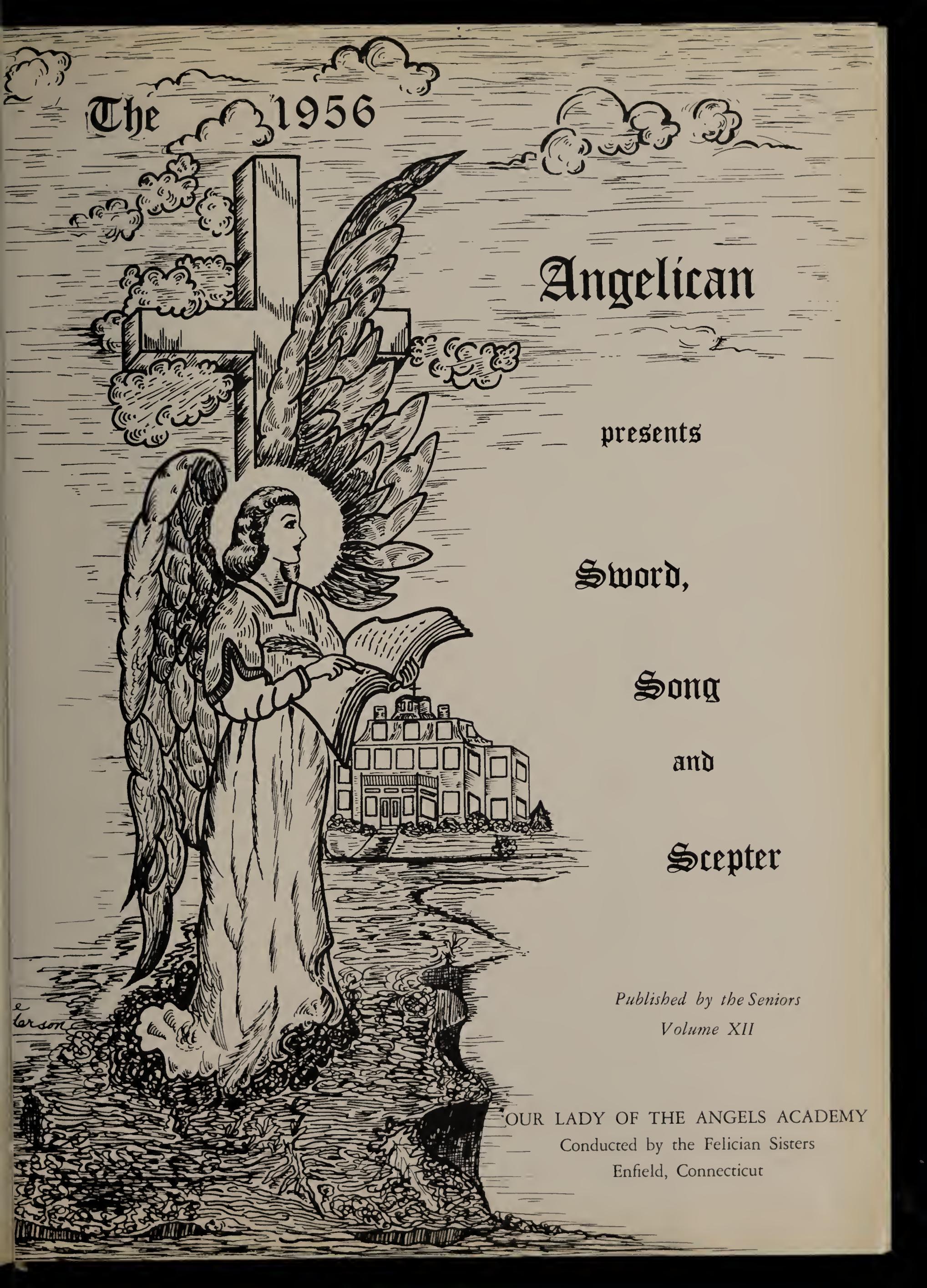
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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS ACADEMY

Conducted by the Felician Sisters

Enfield, Connecticut

The Mercy Of Christ

When the graceful water lily, having struck its roots deep in the bed of a stream or lake, reaches the water's surface in its upward growth, it spreads out its large, round leaves upon the water and unfolds its beautiful white corolla to the golden rays of the summer sun. Like the graceful water lily, the Mercy of Christ rises from the core of His heart, to gush forth from the wounded heart, and at last to bloom forth in a flood of Divine Mercy upon all who seek His mercy.

Today the need of a Merciful Redeemer is expedient. In this godless world of modern advancement, man is daily confronted with the indecent fashions of dress, destruction of beautiful old customs, and lustful seekers of power. This modern advancement is a one-sided advancement, for it tends to satisfy only the physical demands of man, but neglects the spiritual and mental well-being. As a result, men go about seeking peace and consolation in only the material elements of life. Thus they are never satisfied, they are never at peace, they find no consolation.

There is a fact that is so visible, but, poor modern man cannot see it. The fact is, that there is a Merciful Redeemer. He is all mercy, all peace, all consolation, all love. He goes about seeking those upon whom He can shower His "infinite ocean of mercy." The Merciful Redeemer is not an old idea of past generations. But, He is and must become a necessary part of the modern cycle of life.

The Merciful Redeemer wants so much to have men come to Him. He has promised boundless oceans of mercy to the greatest of sinners. Only eighteen years ago, Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, A Sister of Mercy in Poland, to tell her of the wonders of His Merciful Heart. Through her He sought to re-teach us the story of His love even unto death. To her He told of His disappointment in us because of our distrust in His mercy and goodness. To this humble little Sister, Christ whispered the wonderful secrets that are to save mankind.

On February 22, 1931, the humble nun, Sister Faustina, relates: "I saw Jesus dressed in a white garment. He held one hand raised in blessing and with the other He was touching the garment at the breast. From under the garment came two rays of light, one red and the other pale." As she knelt motionless, immersed in cross currents of joy and fear, Our Lord spoke, "Paint a picture according to the vision you see and with the inscription, 'Jesus I Trust in Thee.' I desire that this picture be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the whole world."

This apparition of Jesus, King of Mercy, repeated itself several times. Her confessor advised her to ask for an explanation of the red and white rays. She did and was instructed, "The rays on the picture represent the blood and water which gushed forth from the depths of My Mercy when My agonizing Heart was opened on the cross. The pale rays symbolize the water which justifies the soul; the red rays represent the blood, which is the life of the soul. These rays shield the soul before the wrath of My Father. Fortunate is he who

lives in their shelter, for the just hand of God will never reach him." He then gave her an ejaculation, "O Blood and Water, which has gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a font of Mercy for us, I trust in Thee."

Sister Faustina looked deep into the Merciful pierced Heart of Christ, and wrote in her diary, "The Lord permitted me to see the immensity and greatness of His Mercy. If only souls could realize how much God loves them! All comparison, no matter how strong and touching, is only a pale shadow of the reality." Our Lord confirmed her statement many times, and He pleaded for the return of sinners . . . great sinners. ". . . the well of Mercy was opened wide with a lance on the cross for all souls, I do not exclude anyone."

Our Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Faustina, too. On the Feast of the Annunciation in 1936, Mary said to her, "I gave the world a Savior. You must proclaim His Mercy to it and prepare the world for His Second Coming. He will then come not as a Merciful Savior, but as a Just Judge. It will be a day of horror, resolved to be the day of Justice — the day of the Wrath of God. Angels tremble before it . . . speak to souls of this great Mercy, while there is still time. If you remain silent now, you will have to account for a great number of souls on that final day . . ."

Sister Faustina died on October 5, 1938. Her time to work for God's Mercy on earth came to an end. Now it is up to us to tell sinners about the love and mercy of the Sacred Heart. Our Savior left us a promise, too. He said to Sister Faustina: "I protect, as a mother does a child, the souls that promote the devotion to My Mercy during their lifetime; and in the hour of their death I will not be their judge, but their Savior. In that final hour the soul does not have anything in its defense save My Mercy. Fortunate is the soul that during life immersed itself in the fountain of My Mercy, for justice will not reach it there."

The mercy of Christ has a far reaching effect upon everyone. To our parents it brings courage and consolation in times of tribulations. To each and every Angelite it is a place of refuge whenever we become guilty of youth's human frailties. To everyone it is the balm that soothes physical and moral wounds. The mercy of Christ enables all men to honor that which is most elevated in the WORD INCARNATE — it infuses hope to overcome difficulties and grants the strength to resist them successfully.

If we seek to understand and love the mercy of God, we will make a rapid progress in our spiritual life. Love and devotion to the Mercy of Christ will maintain in us a sentiment of filial piety towards our heavenly Father. It will infuse into our hearts great confidence in our daily life, and give us the necessary perseverance in the most critical moments. Towards our fellow friends, the faith and devotion to the Mercy of Christ will incline us to imitate and practice benevolent mercy.

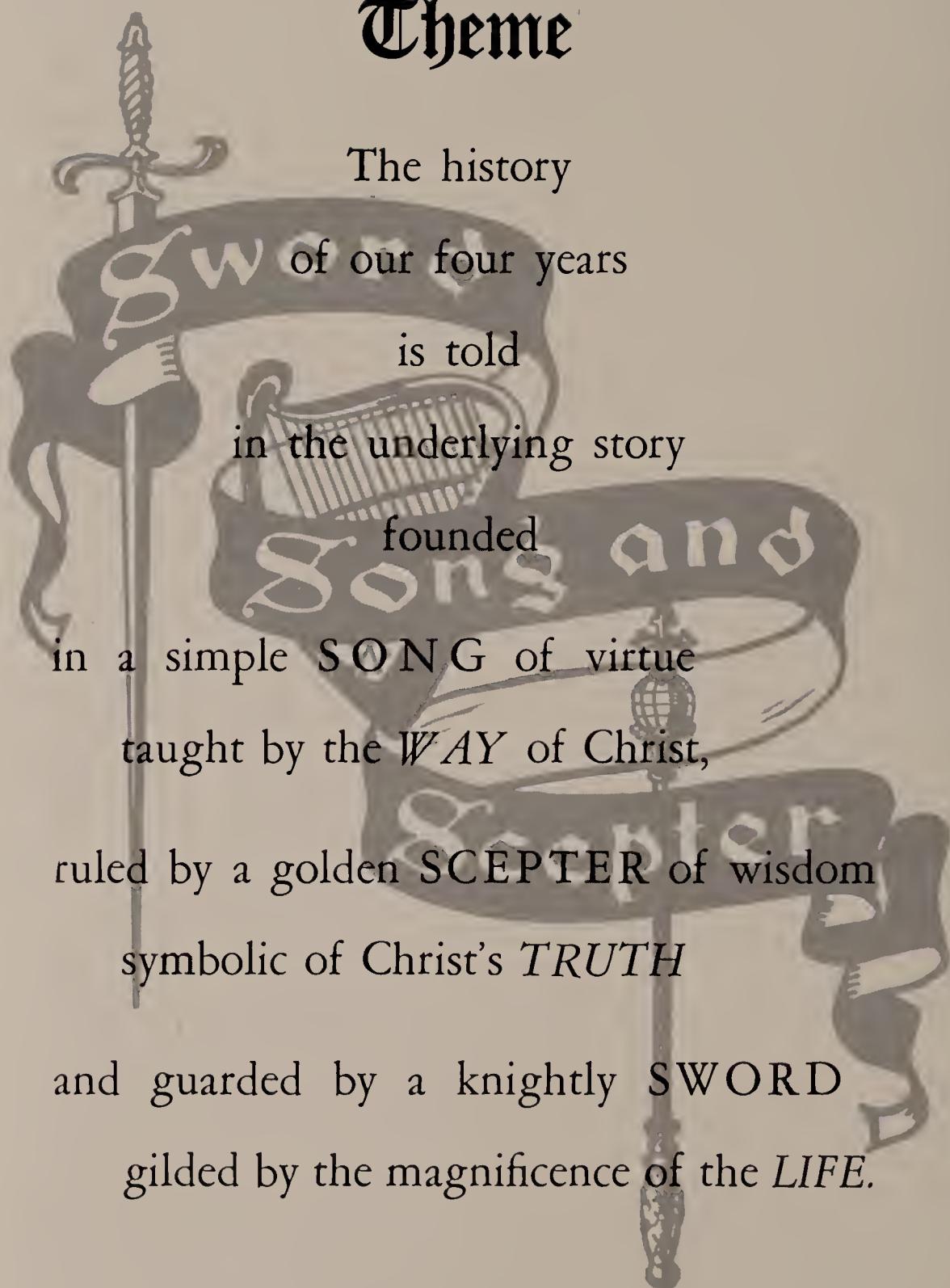
"If by God's Mercy, love of God is impressed in our hearts, all will be easy for us and we shall work without much difficulty."

—Joan Rogers '56



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Theme



The history

of our four years

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in the underlying story

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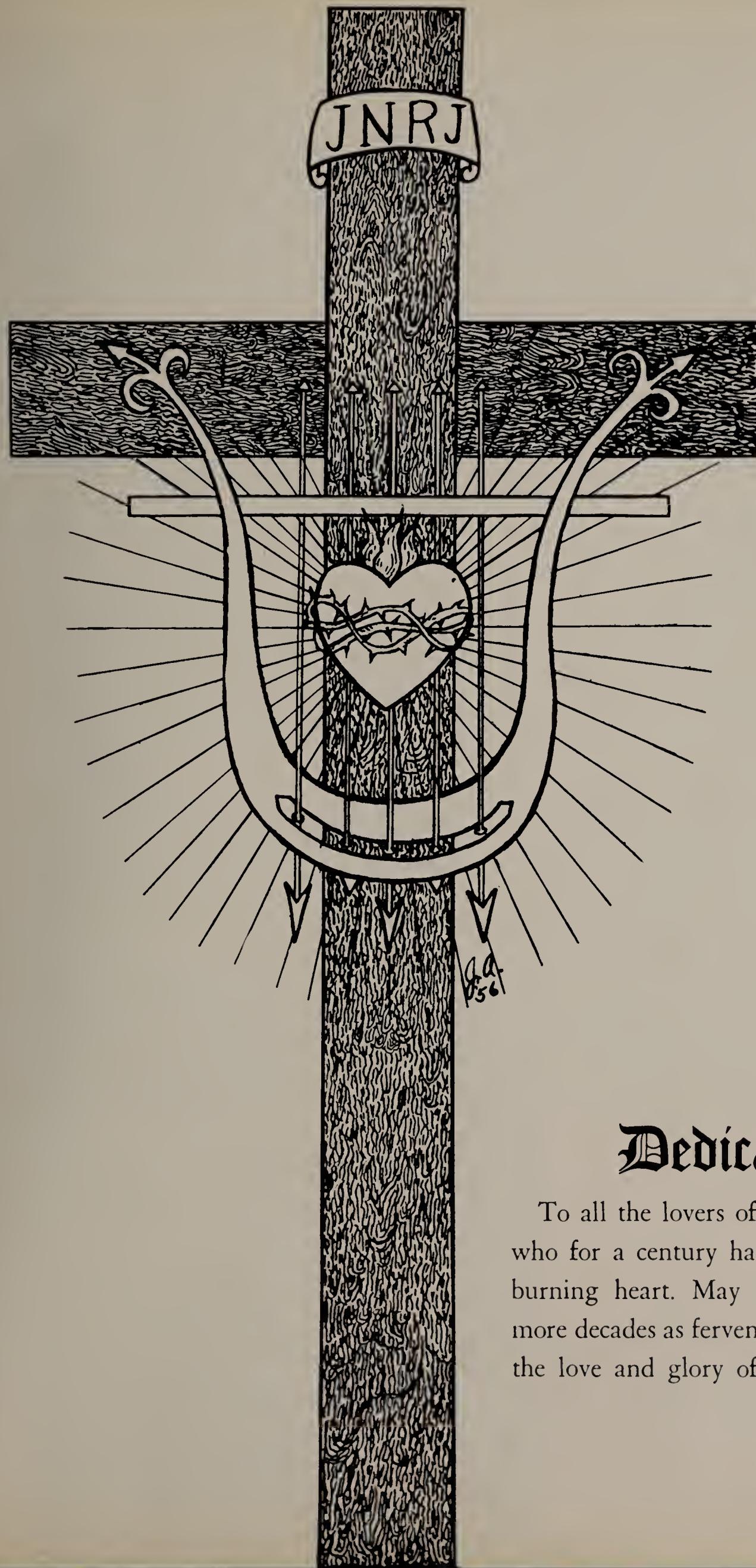
taught by the WAY of Christ,

ruled by a golden SCEPTER of wisdom

symbolic of Christ's TRUTH

and guarded by a knightly SWORD

gilded by the magnificence of the LIFE.



Dedication

To all the lovers of the King of Love,
who for a century have dwelt midst the
burning heart. May they reign for ten
more decades as fervent souls consumed in
the love and glory of the Sacred Heart.



His Holiness Pope Pius XII

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS . . . for the Papacy . . .

Truth and wisdom forever . . . Fountainhead of continuing
inspiration and guidance for the faithful.

His Excellency
MOST REVEREND
HENRY J. O'BRIEN, D.D.
Archbishop of Hartford



These are our Good Shepherds—ever in the midst of their flock, ever anxious about its needs, ever troubled by the dangers threatening it, ever entirely devoted to the leading and guiding it.



His Excellency
MOST REVEREND
JOHN F. HACKETT, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop



MOTHER MARY SIMPLICITA
Superior General



SISTER MARY VITERBIA
Principal
Chemistry, Mathematics



MOTHER MARY LAURA
Provincial Superior



SISTER MARY AGNES
Polish, Social Sciences



SISTER MARY ANASTASIA
Latin, Algebra



SISTER MARY ANTOINETTE
Secretarial Subjects



SISTER MARY ANGELICA
Business Subjects



SISTER MARY EVELYN
Music, French



SISTER MARY DOLORIA
Directress of Aspirants
English, Journalism



SISTER MARY LAURETTA
Religion, Biology
Yearbook Advisor



SISTER MARY PONTIA
Librarian



SALUTATORIAN

JUNE ELLEN ANDERSON

Enfield Congregational Church Enfield, Conn.

"Nothing that is given in a spirit of generosity is ever lost." Bishop Sheen

Class President 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Christopher Club 1, 2; Literary Club 1, 2, 3; Angelite Staff Reporter 2, 3; Art Director of Angelite Staff 4; Quill and Scroll Medal 4.

Heart of Jesus, I put my trust in Thee!

(An indulgence of 300 days)

VALEDICTORIAN

MARILYN ANN BARBIERI

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

"Books are the ever-learning lamps of accumulated wisdom." G. W. Curtis

Secretary 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Genesians 3, 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 3, Corresponding Secretary 2; Maris Stella Club 1, 2, U.S. Torch Reporter 3; Literary Club 1, 2, 3; Avila Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Angelite Staff 2, 3; Business Manager of Angelite Staff 4; Latinum Auxilium Awards 1, 2; Quill and Scroll Award 4; Scholarship to Albertus Magnus College 4.



CONSTANCE THERESA BRZEZNIAK

St. Joseph

Webster, Mass.

"All great art is the expression of man's delight in God's work — not his own." Ruskin

Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Genesians 4; Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, 4; Maris Stella 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3.



Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom Come!

(An indulgence of 300 days)



MARILYN THERESE BUCKLEY

St. Mary

Windsor Locks, Conn.

"The silence that accepts merit as the most natural thing in the world, is the highest applause." Emerson

Glee Club 1, 2, Vice-President 3, 4; Literary Club 2, 3, Treasurer 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 3, 4; Christopher Club 2, 3, 4; Genesians 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Maris Stella 2; Angelite Staff Reporter 4; State of Connecticut Board of Examiners Scholarship for Nursing 4; Class President 2; Class Vice-President 4.



MAUREEN ANN DUNNE

St. Bernard

Hazardville, Conn.

"The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it."
Emerson

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3, 4; Marian Library Circle 1; Business Club 4; Literary Club 2, 3; Genesians 3, 4.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved in every place!

(An indulgence of 300 days)

CHARLOTTE MARIE FALKOWSKI

St. Adalbert

Thompsonville, Conn.

"He that respects himself is safe from others; he wears a coat of mail that none can pierce."
Longfellow

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3; Business Club Secretary 4; Treasurer of Class 4; Marian Library Circle 1; Genesians 4.



JACQUELINE JOAN LABUTIS

St. Bernard

Hazardville, Conn.

*"Success does not depend so much upon external help,
as on self-reliance."* Abraham Lincoln

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Angelite Staff 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3, 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Genesians 4; Secretary 3, 4; President of Business Club 4; Vice-President of Class 1.



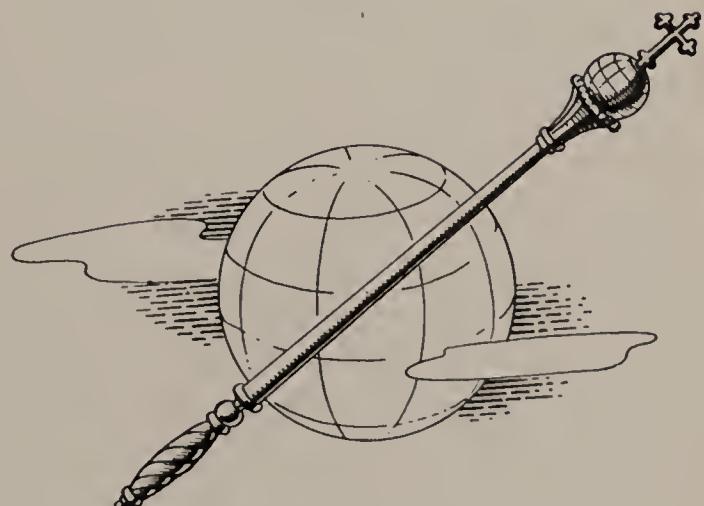
MARY LEONA LEGERE

St. Patrick

Thompsonville, Conn.

"Patience is the companion of wisdom." St. Augustine

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3, 4; Genesians 4; Marian Library Circle 1; Business Club 4; Class Treasurer 3.





ROSALIE DEANNA LEVESQUE

St. Mary

Windsor Locks, Conn.

"Pleasure comes from without, but joy comes from within." Bishop Sheen

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Club 1; Latin Club 1; Business Club 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3, 4; Genesians 4.



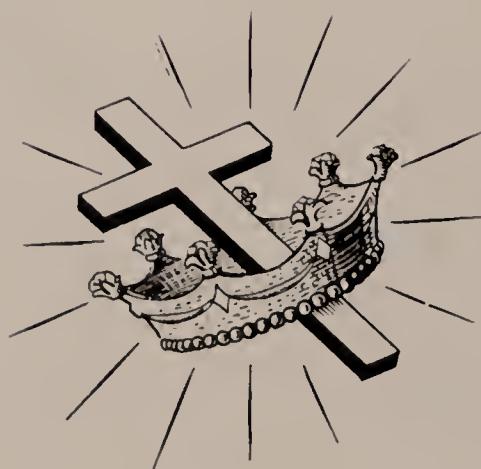
DOROTHY ANN MAJESKI

St. Adalbert

Thompsonville, Conn.

"For blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds, and though late, a sure reward succeeds." William Congreve

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Christian Citizenship Forum 3, Corresponding Secretary 4; Class Homeroom Leader 1, 2, 4; Marian Library Circle 1; Librarian 4; Angelite Business Manager 2; Business Club Vice-President 4; Genesians 4.



STASIA ANN PERZAN

Sacred Heart

Easthampton, Mass.

"After the verb 'To Love,' 'To Help' is the most beautiful verb in the world." Baroness von Suttner

President of Class 1; Christopher Club 1, 2, President 3; Glee Club 1, 2, Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Polish Circle 1, 2, 3, Vice-President 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, Secretary 4; Genesians 4; Angelite Staff 2, 3; Avila Club 4.



Heart of Jesus, Let me love Thee and make Thee Loved!

(An indulgence of 300 days)



VALEDICTORIAN

JOAN VERONICA ROGERS

St. Mary

Windsor Locks, Conn.

"He who attempts to set up God's kingdom in his heart, furthers it in the world." Cardinal Newman

Class Treasurer 1; Class Secretary 2; Homeroom Leader 3; Class President 4; Literary Club 2, 3, Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3; Corresponding Secretary 4; Genesians 3, 4; Writers Club 3; Assistant Editor 3; Editor-in-Chief 4; Latinum Auxilium 2; Know English Latin Contest 3; Typing Award 3; First Place local "Voice of Democracy" Contest 4; Third place in state-wide chapter contest 4; First place Encyclical Contest, Senior-Junior Division 4.

CATHERINE ELIZABETH SMITH

St. Adalbert Bronx, New York

"He is the richest who is content with the least, for content is the wealth of nature." Socrates

Christopher 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Polish Circle 2, 3, 4; Genesians 4; Christian Citizenship Forum 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 2.



All for Thee, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

(An indulgence of 300 days)



CAROL JANE WALLACE

St. Mary Windsor Locks, Conn.

"Only the actions of the just, smell sweet and blossom in the dust." James Shirley

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Genesians 4; Latin Club 2; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 4.



ESTHER MARTHA WALTERS

St. Mary

Windsor Locks, Conn.

"Every joy is gain, and gain is gain, however small." Robert Browning

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Marian Library Circle 1; Genesians 4; Catholic Citizenship Forum 3, 4, President; Latin Club 2; Christopher Club 1.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Thy Love for me.

(An indulgence of 300 days)

JOANN LOUISE ZENZICK

St. Adalbert

Thompsonville, Conn.

"True greatness is measured not by superiority, but by service." Bishop Sheen

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Avila Club Secretary 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, Parliamentarian; Christopher Club 1, 2, 3; Christian Citizenship Forum 1, 2, 3, 4; Genesians 3, 4; Latinum Auxilium Award 1, 2; Presidential Candidate for State Junior Classical League 3.





of the SENIORS



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"LEARNING BY DOING"
— Joan Rogers (standing) and June Anderson (seated) work industriously to prepare one of the halogens, namely, bromine.



Carol Wallace, Jacqueline La-
butis, and Rosalie Levesque ear-
nestly prepare for TOMORROW
during the Office Practice period.



Seniors increase their religious vocabulary by doing research in encyclopedias and other handbooks on certain theological terms. Clockwise: Carol Wallace, Marilyn Buckley, Charlotte Falkowski, Constance Brzezniak, Marilyn Barbieri, Jacqueline LaButis, Maureen Dunne, and Dorothy Majeski.

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Audio-visual aids make lessons in French conversation enjoyable as well as instructional to the seniors of the French II Class. Left to right: Esther Walters, Catherine Smith, Marilyn Barbieri, Joann Zenzick, Constance Brzezniak, Marilyn Buckley, and Stasia Perzan.



Seniors implant the seed that will germinate into genuine Catholic participation in business through a vibrant Catholic life. Left to right: Dorothy Majeski, Charlotte Falkowski, Maureen Dunne, Leona Legere.

Students of the "Problems of American Democracy" Class discuss the probabilities of the Presidential Election of 1956. Standing: Marilyn Barbieri; seated (left to right): Catherine Smith, Esther Walters, Joann Zenzick, Stasia Perzan, Marilyn Buckley, Constance Brzezniak.





*Speech is More
Than Words
— It Is Life.*

The THOUGHT of the speech is the SPEECH. A short time before her public appearance, Joan Rogers delivers her prepared speech "I Speak for Democracy" before a group of her classmates.



Congratulations! Joan wins first honors in local area and third in the state finals. The Good Lord blessed the wholehearted speaker.

We plan and replan; we organize and reorganize the theme and set-up of "The Angelican."



The 1956 ANGELIC STAFF at its busy hours. Composer, Joan Rogers; Artist, June Anderson; Typists, Leona Legere and Maureen Dunne; Layout and organization, Marilyn Buckley and Marilyn Barbieri.

*Responsibility is the Creed, Code,
Norm, and Barometer
of Every Senior*

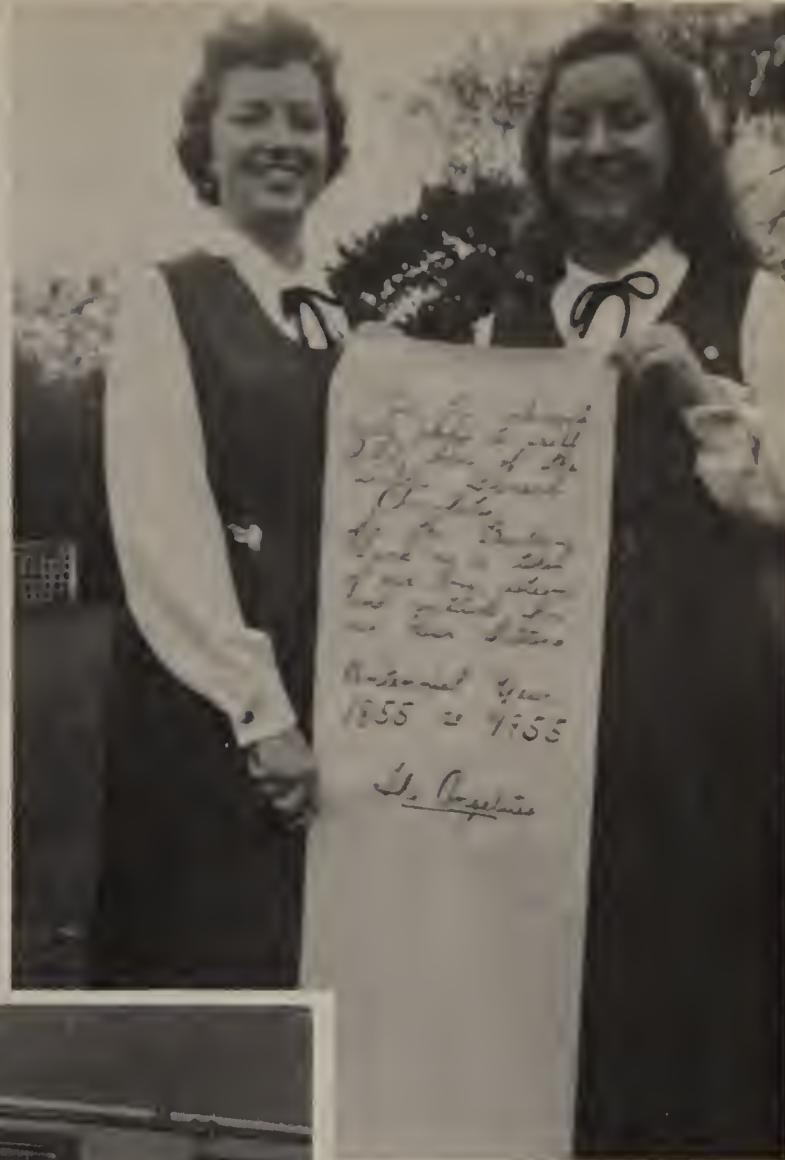


Joan Rogers passes the key of editorship to her successors: Sarah Wallace and Judy Jedziniak.

Seniors present special assembly commemorating Catholic Press Month.



LOVE AND GRATITUDE



Marilyn Buckley and Joan Rogers smile in earnest — They hold signatures of Angelites who pledge themselves to carry on a Building Fund Campaign.



Gertrude Elmer receives recognition for her literary achievement.

DEAREST FACULTY





Research — Research and more research broadens the senior's knowledge.



Seniors admire the marvels of Christmas.



The Seniors' last refrain of "Gloria in Excelsis Deo."



An historic occasion—Friendly moments in the private office of our good Senator from Connecticut, Honorable William Purtell.



On the steps of the Congressional Library.



A special spot in the Franciscan Monastery Garden.

Deep—deep—in the Luray Caverns.



Act I—Scene I—A Garden—Esther (Joan Rogers) with her cousin (Marilyn Buckley) finds homelife a joy. News of the banished pagan Queen Vashti reaches the home of Esther and disturbs its peace.

Act I—Scene II—Queen's Palace—From amongst the loveliest of maids, King Ahasuerus (Phyllis Knight) chooses Esther for his Queen.

Act II—Scene I—Outer Court of the King's Palace—The King's courtiers (l. to r.: Rose Marie Peraro, Cynthia Buckland, Sarah Wallace) are discontented with the peace and quiet that reigns in the Kingdom through Esther's influence. Haman (Edna Demers) appears on the scene and brings about a renewal of the pagan law "that none may enter before the King save those whom he calls." This is followed by a decree to have all the Israelites killed.

Esther

A Biblical Drama in Three Acts
played by a cast of eighty
(Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores).





Act III—Scene I—King's Inner Court—The King's Chamberlain (Judith Jedziniak) keeps watch, while the King in want of sleep is tormented by a remorseful conscience for endorsing the massacre of the Israelites.



Act III—Scenes I and II—Courtroom in Esther's Palace—The Banquet Scene. Mary Lou Sullivan leads the court maids in Pantomime Song. Amidst the gaiety of the banquet, Esther reveals the true character of Haman. Haman is sent to the gallows he prepared for Mordecai. The Israelites are saved, and peace and happiness prevail.



Christ, Our Way of Life

Prologue

Saint Augustine states that man has two eyes — the visible eye and the invisible eye. With the visible eye man is able to see the objects about him. These objects are apparent because they are illumined by the sun. Then there is the invisible eye. That is the eye of the soul. Through this eye we see truth, and this truth is illumined by the grace of God. The full and magnificent wisdom of truth, emulsified in God's grace, is developed in the hearts of youth through light, strength, peace, and love.

Light

The "wisdom of light" illumined the path of sixteen girls to the doorstep of O.L.A. With the uncertainty and awkwardness of adolescence, we ventured into a new phase of life — high school life. We were Freshmen. We began this new phase of school life with a Red Mass during which we beseeched the Holy Spirit to root deep into the depths of our souls the "wisdom of light." A few weeks later the lightness of our sense of humor was tested by a distinct process — INITIATION. Faithfully all of us passed the test amid blushing cheeks and shy smiles. This made us become a part of the "Angelite's Way" of life. Henceforth every duty, every pleasure, every sorrow made us stronger and better Angelites. And so the wisdom of light had carried us through our first year. The mystery of study had been illumined as a beautiful system of intellectual development. The ideals and principles of Christian living began to glow more brilliantly.

Strength

"Nothing good is ever found without diligently searching for it." Often did we seek intercession through the "wisdom of strength." As Sophomores we had advanced another step in education. This, of course, brought greater responsibility and harder studies. We had passed from the stage of aweness to that of seriousness. Our knowledge had broadened, our minds developed, and our thoughts became more profound. We fought the many battles of Caesar's Gallic Wars. We ploughed the ground, we blazed the trail, we cheered for independence, as we relived the historic moments of our great forefathers. But through all this difficulty we had learned that Christ was the Source of all strength — physical, mental, and spiritual.

Prayers for strength and perseverance were constantly on our lips and in our hearts, as we interceded Our Lady of the Oratory during this Marian Year. But after this difficult year we found that through the aid

of the wisdom of strength we had gained perseverance. Now we were ready to pass from the realm of lowerclassmen to that of upperclassmen.

Peace

As Juniors we were entering into the final phase of our Academy education. We experienced the distinct pride and joy of being upperclassmen. The solemnity and impressiveness of Ring Day imprinted upon our hearts the spirit of true loyalty towards our beloved faculty, fellow Angelites, and school. This spirit of loyalty and love we sought to externalize. Thus, the Angelite Pledge — the principles for every ideal Angelite, came into being.

The "wisdom of peace" reigned within our hearts that year. We entered into a more profound study of the history that shapes our religious beliefs. We studied, discussed, and observed the beauty and mystery that surrounds man, animals, and plants. The finer things of life we sought to admire in the culture of our American literature. Truly, the wisdom of peace and true holiness permeated our third year. At last we had found and strengthened the aims of knowledge, peace, piety, and religion.

Love

Our Senior year was the culmination of all — our light, our strength, our peace. It was crowned with the virtue of all virtues — love. Our first three years had been blessed years of development. We had striven to learn the principles and ideals of Christian womanhood. Our Senior year had completed the development with love.

The spirit of love ruled throughout our fourth year. Every outstanding experience and joy was typified by this great theological virtue. The 100th anniversary of the extension of the universal Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus — "No greater love hath men known," the presentation of "Esther," the love of a Jewish maiden for her people, the celebration of the Felician Centennial — the harvest of true Franciscan love and work, the sisterly affection and delight of true companionship which accentuated the atmosphere of Mother-Daughter Day, the silent love that passed amid the smiles, the tears, and the farewells on Graduation Day shall remain forever a cherished memory.

Thus comes the close of four years of peace, love and joy at O.L.A. In our early years we had been instructed in principle. Now as we enter into the humdrum and activity of life we look toward our years in which we shall strive to perfect the principles instilled within our hearts. "Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect" . . . (Matthew 5,48). We look toward the years in which we shall walk the Life with a Sword of honor as our defense and speak the Truth with a golden Scepter in our hand.

The Joy of Accomplishment



We lay the "Chain of Angelite Cherished Tradition" at the feet of Our Lady of the Campus.

The doors of our childhood are closed. We stand upon the threshold of life, mentally alert, physically sound, spiritually strong, a splendid example of noble young womanhood. The whole panorama of experience lies before us, and those who look upon us with eyes of understanding see a vision of the good we strive to do in the world.



For the *last time* as a class we pose by the *Grotto*.



Congratulations! Marilyn Barbieri.



*Character
Is the
Masterpiece
Of Life!*

"Like knights of old we're faring forth to fight"
With Angelite heritage so dear to our heart . . .



Good Bye! Good Luck! God Bless You! — is all that we can say.



of the JUNIORS



Onward We March Together . . .



Before launching out into the depths of Church History, the Juniors concentrate on a basic factor — the primacy of the Pope. Standing: Shirley Fortier, Anna Flasinski. Seated: Joan Andronik, Sabina Klamborowska, Donna Burgess, Mary Ann Golden.



Through the microscope's eye Mary Cynthia Buckland, Ednamae Demers, and Adele Chwalek find an abiding interest in living things — respect for life — and a disposition to protect and preserve it.



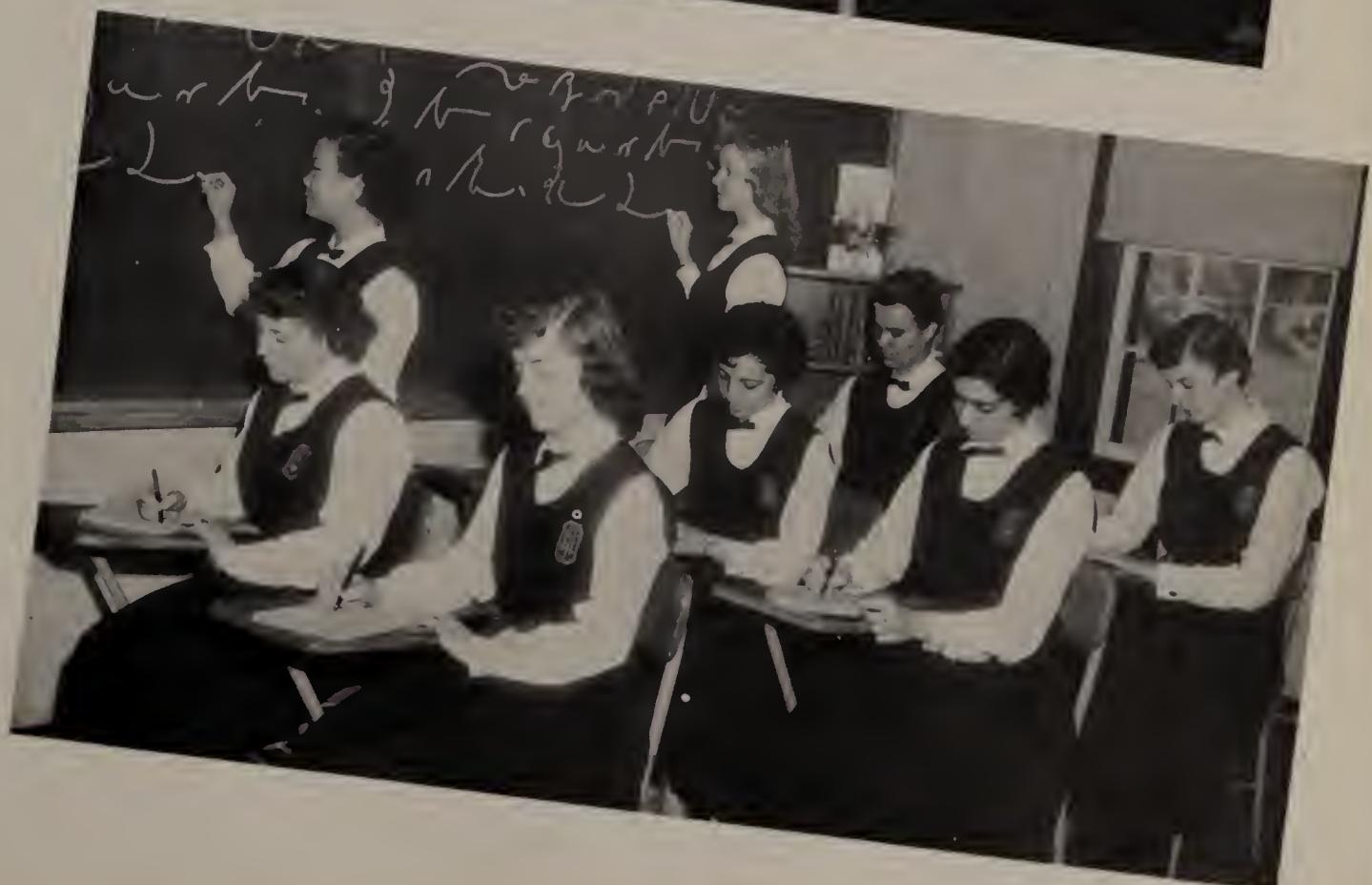
Adele Chwalek, Carol Pastormerlo, Sarah Wallace, Judy Jedziniak, Mary Cynthia Buckland and Doris Langlois analyzing and interpreting College Entrance Examinations.



Adjusting entries for accrued expenses are made as efficiently as any other entry by these earnest bookkeepers. At the board: Judith Feld, Virginia Ulitsch. Seated: Carol Pastormerlo, Margaret Page, Donna Burgess, Helene Rybczyk, Shirley Fortier, Rosemarie Peraro.



Juniors of the French I Class are mastering their irregular verbs. Standing are Ednamae Demers and Sabina Klamborowska. Seated left to right — first row are: Joan Andronik, Anna Flasinski; second row: Diane Skower, Sarah Wallace, Rosetta Fish; third row: Cynthia Buckland, Judith Jedziniak, and Adele Chwalek.



A group of determined Juniors write shorthand forms fluently and accurately to develop a high rate of speed and to achieve successful stenographic skills in the field of business. Standing left to right: Margaret Wong and Virginia Ulitsch. Seated: Carolyn Leroux, Helene Rybczyk, Rosemarie Peraro, Betty Murray, Faith Pellegrini, Dorothy Wlazlo.

Precision, efficiency, and service combined with an awareness of the Madonna's love are foremost in the minds of these future business leaders. Left to right: Jacqueline Conway, Joan Linskay, Betty Siemionko, Doris Langlois, Faith Pellegrini, Betty Jane Murray, Maryann Golden, Dorothy Wlazlo.



At attention, as Mr. Neil Sloane from the Government Employment Service interprets procedure of test.

Outdoor education is a joy. Biology field trip concludes with the measuring of the length of the dandelion tap root.



At close of the Quill and Scroll Candlelight Service . . . The service over, the smiles appear.



Gertrude Elmer, foreign exchange student, speaks to her American classmates of German culture and tradition.



Physical Examination by a school doctor is a must for the Juniors — School Nurse, Sister Mary Laetitia interviews Sabina Klamborowska.



Reverend Mother Mary Laura presents the medal offered by the French Government to Judith Jedziniak, third prize winner in the National French Contest, in the presence of Sister Mary Viterbia, principal of the Academy.



Juniors in Easter splendor . . . They planned . . . they executed . . . they smilingly posed.

Golden Moments



SOLEMN MOMENTS — Juniors at the altar rail on their memorable RING DAY.



BLESSED MOMENTS — Rev. John B. Shea of New Haven, Conn., blesses the rings which will bind the Juniors to their ALMA MATER.



JOYFUL MOMENTS — Ring Day Communion Breakfast . . . Freshmen play the role of hostess as Father John Shea and Father Michael Gryglak C.M. join the friendly conversation.

Tuneful Moments

O.L.A. Choir singing "The Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart" by Dobbelenstein.



HOLY MOMENTS — Juniors experience the joy of laying their corsages on the altar of Mary.



DRAMATIC MOMENTS — On Class Night Seniors pass on the Chain of Academy heritage to the Juniors . . . "Be sure your lance is lifted for the right — And let the plume of courage grace your crest — Let honor be your shield in this great quest . . ."



of the SOPHOMORES





... Faithful

May We

Latin II students give very serious thought to their study of Liturgical Latin. Margaret Molinski hands posters to Mary Lou Sullivan and Rose Marie Carrigan, while Linda Ashton stands at the board with her translation completed.



In an atmosphere permeated with Christian Charity, these Sophomores are developing skill in addressing envelopes. Standing: Barbara Przeracki and Heidi Prass; Seated: Left to right — Loretta Przeracki, Patricia Bergeron, Esther Alaimo, Dolores Pellegrini and Constance Gannuscio.



The English assignment: "Sketch the rise and development of the ballad" impels this group of Sophomores to tap the resources in the Academy Library. Standing: Left to right — Adrienne B., Yvonne L., Margaret F., Frances K., and Jeanne A.; Seated: Marcia F. and Carol D.

Ever Be . . .



In American History Class, Sophomores are locating routes of early explorers. Carmelina DiMaria and Marilyn Connor trace the routes in their texts; Judy McDonald points out the routes on the map; Phyllis Knight and Justine Biesiadecka use the globe.

"A penny saved is a penny earned" is the group's thought as it figures a discount series. At the board: Judith Norris, Helene Henry; seated: Elizabeth Wojnar, Patricia Stomsky, Mary Louise Longo, Mary Alice Sullivan, Susan Case.



Things seen are mightier than things heard. Sophomores study the Mass through the medium of visual aids. Standing: Carol S., Helene H., Carol Ann D., Mary Lou S.



*Patience and Purpose
Know No Defeat*

Interested Carol Stroiney summons the aid of Laura Szczechowicz in the perplexing algebra problem.



Camera takes the diligent Sophs unaware during the serious job — annual examinations. Two Angelites, however, lift their heads to pass on a friendly smile.



Another tree on our campus — in an impressive traditional ceremony the Sophomores plant their class tree — a Red Hawthorn. In the foreground are the class officers (left to right): Ann Virginia Zawisza, Mary Louise Longo, Mary Lou Sullivan, and Carole Dudek.



When Christmas comes — there is great interior joy, peace and happiness. The preparation of the Christmas program is a sophomore privilege.

Sophomores bring "In Mozart's Time," a lovely operetta, on the stage to commemorate the bicentennial of Mozart's birth.



Sophomores take pride in displaying special cookies in connection with their theme "Christmas in Foreign Lands."



At the Quill and Scroll Candlelight Ceremony each student draws flame from the light of truth.

*"You shall draw waters
with joy out of the Savior's fountains."*

— Isaias 12, 3

These are the opening words of the encyclical, "Haurietis Aquas" (You Shall Drink the Water) issued by Pope Pius XII to mark the first centenary of the extension of the universal Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Pope Pius IX in 1856. The feast which occurs in June commemorates the love of Christ for men.

The encyclical complements two others on the subject of the Sacred Heart — "Annum Sacrum" (Consecration of Mankind to the Sacred Heart), issued in 1899 by Pope Leo XIII, and "Miserentissimus Redemptor" (Reparation Due the Sacred Heart), issued by Pope Pius XI in 1928. "Haurietis Aquas" differs from the preceding encyclicals in the matter that it deals primarily with the Biblical and theological foundations for the devotion.

The Holy Father gives in general the birth and development of the devotion from its beginnings in the Middle Ages to its full blossoming, which was due mainly to the influence of the revelations received by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690). It is related that Christ disclosed the wonders of His love and His desire to make them known to all mankind. St. Margaret Mary met many obstacles in her mission of spreading the devotion, but gradually the cause began to triumph. In 1765, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was approved by Pope Clement XIII for the dioceses of Poland and any others who might request it. On August 23, 1856, the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with the approval of Pope Pius IX, extended the celebration to the entire world. Then, on June 11, 1899, Pope Leo consecrated the entire Catholic world to the Sacred Heart. He declared this to have been "the great act" of his 25-year pontificate.

Pope Pius XII states in this encyclical, "Haurietis Aquas," that the love found its supreme expression in the "Incarnation of the Divine Word." The cult of Christ's Sacred Heart, says the encyclical, glorifies the personality of the Incarnate Son of God. Catholics revere the Sacred Heart, says the Pontiff, as a "symbol and clear image of the infinite charity of Jesus Christ that moves us to love one another." The encyclical urges all faithful to turn to this devotion to the Sacred Heart as a special form of devotion to Christ because of His love for mankind.

The new encyclical is divided into five parts. The first answers charges of naturalism and sentimentalism against devotion to the Sacred Heart. It stresses that the devotion is rooted in the revelation of God's love for humanity.

The second part quotes portions of the Gospels and the writings of the Church Fathers documenting the threefold love of Jesus, who became Man for the salvation of the sons of Adam.

The third section recalls how great was the love of the Word made flesh for humanity, and how the Precious Blood which poured forth from Christ's side has, during the centuries since the Passion, inundated the world as an inexhaustible source of grace for mankind.

In the fourth part, Pope Pius recalls the history and evolution of the devotion to the Sacred Heart. In the fifth section, he answers other accusations against the devotion to the Sacred Heart. The Holy Father emphasizes the necessity of promoting the devotion more and more as a true synthesis of the entire Christian religion.

His Holiness then emphasized:

"Who can adequately describe the throbings of the Divine Heart of the Savior, the certain sign of His infinite love, in the moment in which He offered humanity His most precious gifts: Himself in the Holy Eucharist, His most holy Mother, and the priesthood.

There is no obstacle against the adoration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, inasmuch as it is a sharing and an expressive symbol of that inexhaustible charity which the Divine Redeemer feels even now for mankind. In fact, although the Sacred Heart is no longer subject to the troubles of this present life. It is always alive and beating, and in an inseparable manner is united to the Person of the Divine Word and, in Him and through Him united to His Divine Will."

We the Class of 1956 feel honored to commemorate this momentous occasion, by choosing the "Merciful Christ" as our patron and guide through our life. Indeed, we shall love, honor, and increase the devotion to the Sacred Heart, for it is "a standard for the salvation of human society."

— Joan Rogers '56

With Song, Sword, and Scepter

The story of our four years is told in three words — Song, Sword, and Scepter. Woven in and mingled around these three words are the joys, the difficulties, and the triumphs of sixteen Angelites. That is why these three, little words have been chosen to represent the ideals and principles of four years of peace, love, and joy at O.L.A.

With Christ as the model of all youth, we were led to perform all activities with a Song in our hearts. The spirit of joy and sisterly love permeated every game, every duty, every celebration. For when the heart is glad, the duty becomes a pleasure, the game becomes an honorable sport, and the celebration becomes a means of passing and sharing happiness with others. The spirit of giving that reigned within our hearts as we prepared the Initiation, Get-Acquainted-Adoption, the Christmas Party, Ring Day Ceremonies, Mother-Daughter Day, and finally Faculty Day have left an indelible impression upon our hearts. Each impression strengthened the links in "The Chain of Academy Heritage." Indeed, this was a beautiful symphony of joy and happiness that echoed in our youthful hearts throughout four years at the Academy.

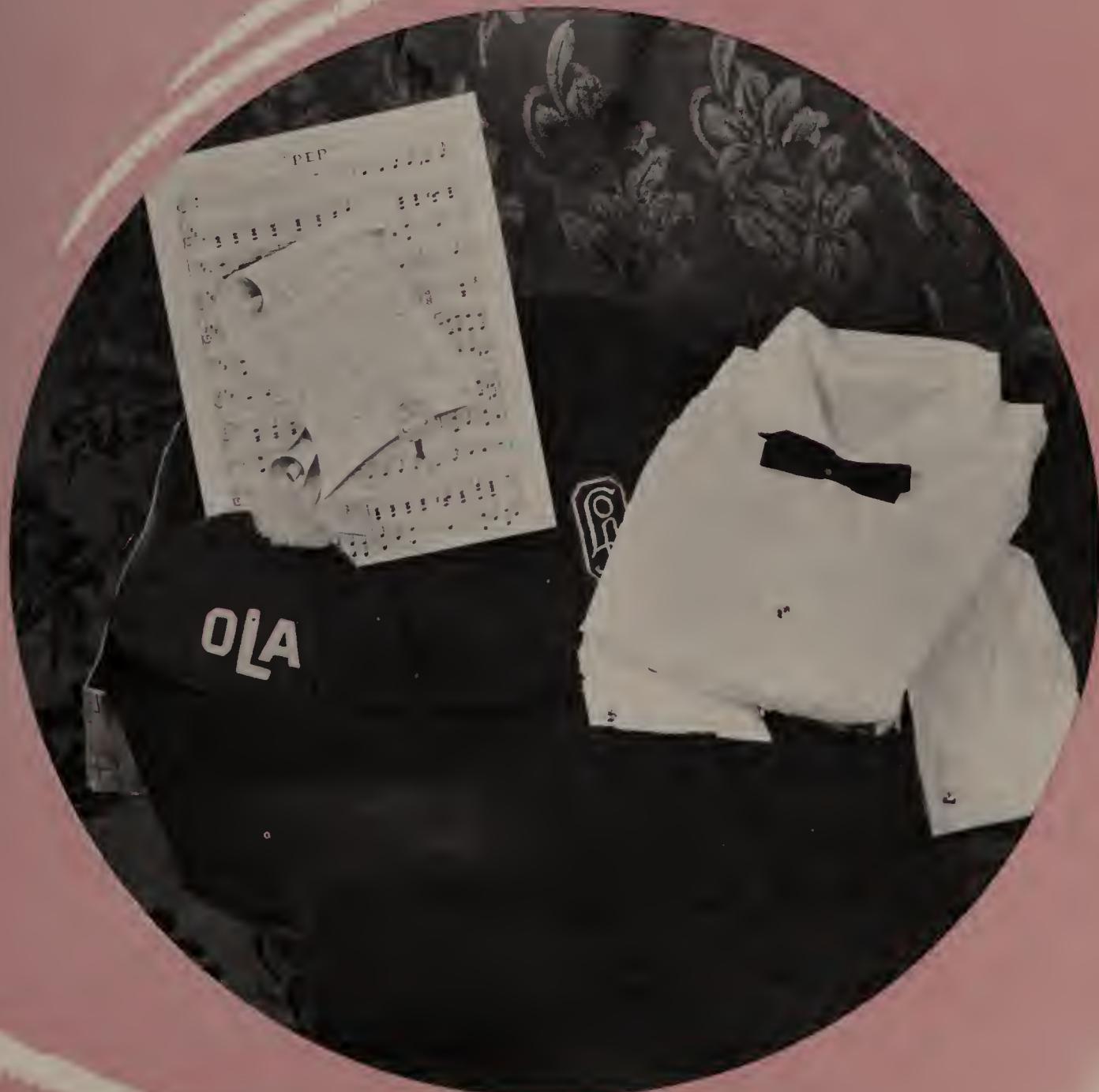
With Christ as our Life, we fought each difficulty as befitting genuine Christian youth — we fought with a knightly Sword of courage, and we found and learned a new life, a life born in the Living Bread. The spiritual aspect of our four years is, without doubt, the most important. For it is that part of our life that gave us the sword of Faith which enables us to strike at the enemy of our salvation. It is that part of our life in which every happiness natural and supernatural blends. It is through this part of our life that we learned to fight the ever present evils of materialism and secularism. During our years at O.L.A. every opportunity afforded itself as a means of strengthening our life spiritually. Before and after each session, we interceded the wisdom of the Holy Ghost . . . "Veni Sancte Spiritus." We began our school year with Red Mass Day. We observed the First Fridays with Mass and Holy Communion. A truly spiritual atmosphere reigned supreme for three days during the annual retreat. It was through Christ, the Living Bread, that we found hope to hold high our knightly Sword of courage.

With Christ as our Source, we held tenaciously the golden Scepter of Truth. It was through our attainment of truth that we developed the ideals of clear thinking and sound reasoning. In our years at O.L.A. we sought to understand the principles that govern our creed, our country, and our very life. And as we grasped and understood these maxims, we also saw something else. We saw education, not as a technical, progressive advancement, but, as a beautiful system of intellectual development. We also saw that the spirit of religion is as necessary a part of our education as reading, writing, and arithmetic, for it is through the spirit of religion in our education that we learned the Christian way of life. And it was through our Christian education that we triumphed with truth over falsehood and with knowledge over ignorance.

Joan Rogers '56



of the FRESHMEN



*With Courage
And Enthusiasm
We Bravely
Go On*

A Freshman group follows the pattern of the Liturgical Cycle. Sitting from left to right are Janice McKenna, Mary Ann Kaplan, Nancy Lanski, Clara Pikul, Carol Lougee, and standing from left to right are Carolyn Bidwell, Joan Akalska and Eileen Sweeney.

Engaged in the study of the "Hundred Years' War," students listen with interest to Margaret Wong's account of the struggle between England and France. Left to right (first row) Josephine Pietras, Jane Ingraham, Carol Gallerani; (second row) Armida Magrini, Maria Filossie and Carol Tinsman; (third row) Theresa Grochowska; (standing) Marie Gondek.



Freshmen Aspirants Enjoying Choral Speaking in the Polish Class. Left to right: Mary Rajner, Patricia Lukasik, Theresa Majewska, Harriet Raymond, Beverly Huebner, Joan Maluda and Florence Orszulak. Kneeling: Theresa Pietrzak.





Latin I students at work with comparison of adjectives. Marian Orr is preparing the flash cards, while Joyce Zenzick and Kathleen Wong work at the blackboard. Looking on are Madeleine Pellegrini, Veronica Laite, Nyyla Smith and Barbara Bertussi.



A group of English I students perusing George Eliot's novel, "Silas Marner." Left to right: Barbara Kalmer, Barbara Maleski, Joan Peraro, Mary Mitchell, Claire Langlois, Lucille Pagani and Jane Prajzner.



It's all very simple . . . Kathleen Shea explains addition of fractions having a binomial denominator. Following the procedure are (right row) Joan Quaglini, Patricia Crowley, Mary Ellen Leary; (left row) Joan Gregorski and Claire Turgeon.



Business Arithmetic Students, though penniless, do some serious research in the line of investment. Seated (from left to right): Barbara Typrovic, Judith Kapinos, Judith Jackman. Standing: Sandra Brackoneski and Kathleen Carrigan.



"Happy Welcome" to O.L.A. to Gertrude Elmer, an Exchange Student from Germany, and to Kathleen and Margaret Wong, the two Scholarship Students from Brazil.

Judith Kapinos, Kathleen Shea, Armidia Magrini and Judith Jackman are brimming with joy as they make preparations for the Ring Day Party.



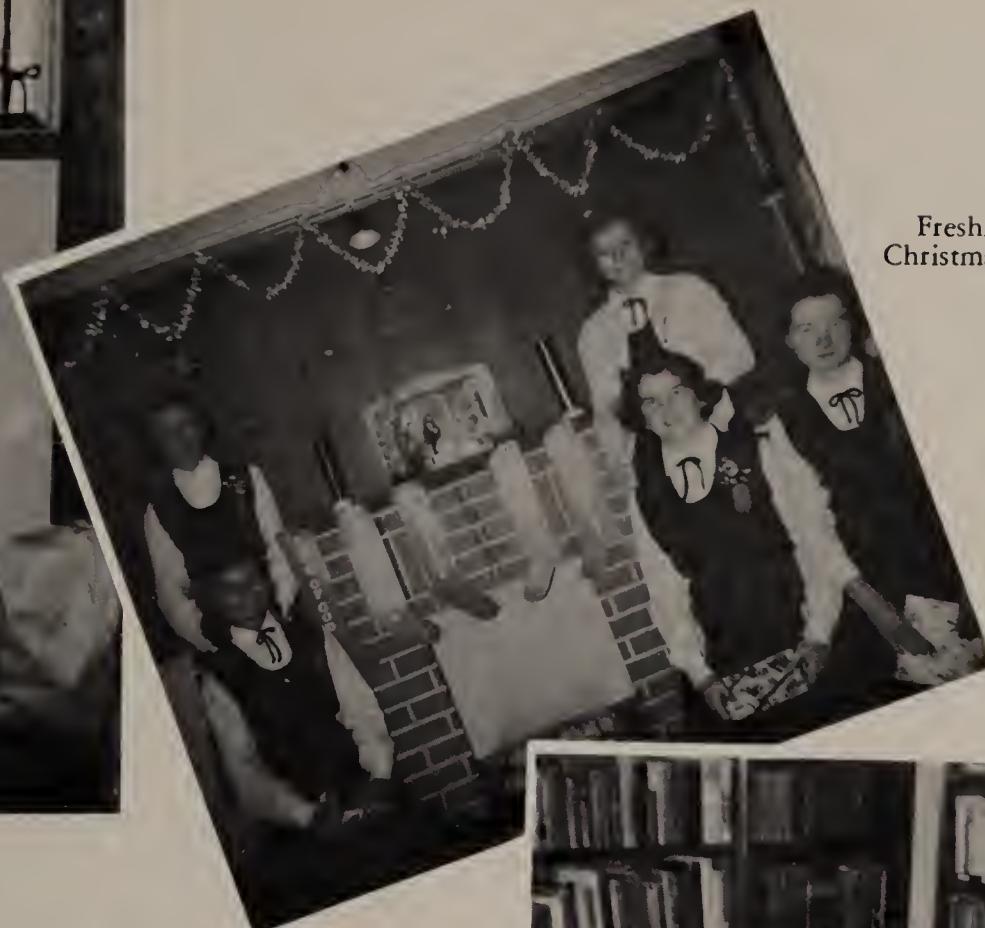
Vast and spacious campus proves to be an ideal place for Freshmen "Initiation."



Fondly we work together



Barbara Maleski is doing her share to bring "Christ back to Christmas" through charity . . . Somebody will be happy with the "Sunshine Basket."



Freshmen enjoy their first Christmas at O.L.A.



"Little Sisters" offer their "Big Sisters" to Our Lady of the Campus.



Barbara Tyrowicz, Nella Smith and Jane Ingraham seem quite enthusiastic about their hobbies.



Freshmen prove themselves to be more than amateurs in rendering "St. Joan of Arc Skit," their Ring Day Play.

From Budding July To Blooming June

JULY

17. Aspirants happily exchange greetings and eagerly tell of their experiences as they return from summer vacation.
19. Aspirants leave blueberry patch deserted.
24. Strike up the band! St. Mary's Drum Corps entertain viewers on campus.
31. Lawn Party draws a great crowd to the Convent grounds.

AUGUST

2. Feast of Our Lady of the Angels—Hail Holy Queen!
9. We spend a delightful day at Camp Chet-a-Rose.
11. The movie "Alexander G. Bell" arouses our scientific interest.
12. Feast of St. Clare . . . Her life of sacrificial love draws us nearer to God.
25. A farewell surprise for Aspirant graduates — Weiner roast on O.L.A. Campus.
26. Nine graduates enter Novitiate Portals.
28. The Felician family grows . . . Thirteen join the ranks of the aspirants.
30. Old memories of the Academy are recaptured via movie screen.

SEPTEMBER

4. Prayerful wishes for a happy feastday to our devoted principal, Sister Mary Viterbia.
7. The portals of O.L.A. open — Merry voices of Angelites resound a new school year.
8. Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. A Blessed Birthday to God's Mother and ours — classes accelerated — New Convent and Chapel cornerstone laid — Angelites take part in the ceremony.
15. Feast of Our Lady of Seven Dolors — Aspirants extend feastday wishes to their directress, Sister Mary Doloria — Red Mass Day Officially commences the beginning of a new school year — Students invoke the aid of the Holy Spirit.
19. Angelites admire the cultural exhibits at the Eastern States Exposition.
22. Students travel to Bradley Field to welcome a distinguished guest visitor — His Excellency Bishop Gawlina from Rome.
23. Fifty-four Freshmen challenged at Academy Initiation Rites.
28. Feast of St. Michael the Archangel — Students pay tribute to their chaplain, Reverend Michael Gryglak, C.M., with an entertaining and enjoyable evening — Four Town Fair.

OCTOBER

1. Traveling Virgin begins her October Tour — Angelites pray the rosary on the bus, to and from school.
2. Feast of the Angels — Impressive ceremonies christen the bell "Angelus" for the new Motherhouse and Chapel.
4. Feast of St. Francis — Franciscan joy permeates throughout the Academy.
9. Parents and friends sponsor a Pantry Shower for O.L.A. Aspirants. Mother Mary Laura opens the "shower" with the first gift.
18. Angelite Aspirants pay tribute to Reverend Mother

Mary Laura on her feastday with a Biblical Drama "Esther."

19. Student body extend blessed feastday greetings to their Honorary President, Mother Mary Laura.
24. United Nations Day — Democracy class holds special assembly.
25. The first snowfall — "Every pine and fir and hemlock wore an ermine too dear for an earl." — Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity marks its formal beginning with the profession of fourteen aspirants in the Third Order of St. Francis. (T. O. S.)
30. From China to Brazil to U.S.A. — Kathleen and Margaret Wong begin their studies at O.L.A.
31. Halloween with its spooks and spirits, chills and thrills, marks the end of October.

NOVEMBER

1. All Saints' Day — Happy Feastday to all!
- 6-12. American Education Week — Open House — Report Cards.
7. Joan Rogers '56 and Judy Jedziniak '57 score first and second in the local Voice of Democracy contest.
11. Students attend the Diocesan C.Y.O. Rally. A special treat for the Aspirant Angelites — a movie — "Miracle of the Bells."
20. O.L.A. Guild members assemble in Convent Chapel to commemorate the Felician Centennial.
- 21-27. Festive Celebration marks Felician Centennial Week.
21. Feast of the Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary — 100 years ago the Servant of God, Mother Mary Angela, founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix (Felician Sisters) . . . His Excellency Bishop Hackett celebrates Pontifical High Mass at St. Adalbert's in Thompsonville, Conn. to commemorate the historic occasion.

DECEMBER

5. Seniors and juniors greet their "Little Sisters" (Freshmen) at the Get-Acquainted-Adoption Gathering.
8. Feast of the Immaculate Conception — Mary's faithful Angelites praise Her with a thousand Aves.
9. Polish Classes hold a special assembly to commemorate the centennial of the death of the great Poet-Prophet of Poland — Adam Mickiewicz.
11. Angelites journey to St. Joseph Church in Suffield to venerate the relic of the Good St. Ann.
12. Seniors entertain O.L.A. Guild with "The Christmas Pearl."
15. Angelites view a Christmas play "Why the Chimes Rang" enacted by the children of Enfield Street Elementary School.
23. "Christmas in Many Lands" staged by the Sophomore Class brings school to a close for the holidays.
24. Sunshine Baskets bring happy holidays to needy families.
25. Christ the Saviour is born — "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men of good will."
26. Aspirants depart to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones at home.
30. Aspirants return to spend the New Year with their Felician family.

JANUARY

1. Happy New Year — Christ's Peace and Joy to All!
2. Classes resume after a much enjoyed vacation.

4. A special movie treat — "Silver Skates."
17. Various departments of O.L.A. honor the 250th Birthday Anniversary of Benjamin Franklin.
- 23-27. Semiannual Examinations—Veni Sancte Spiritus!

FEBRUARY

2. Feast of the Purification — Angelites renew Blue Army Pledge.
- 5-8. Annual Retreat! Blessed Three Days!
12. Two alumnae, Jean Cybulski and Frances Rybczyk receive nurse's caps — Faculty witness ceremony at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn.
15. Ash Wednesday — The Holy Season of Lent begins.
- 20-24. Winter Vacation!
27. Students return to their school duties.
29. Seniors commemorate Catholic Press Month with a special program.

MARCH

1. 'Ite ad Joseph — Good St. Joseph, pray for us!
2. Warm congratulations and prayers are offered for Very Reverend Mother Mary Simplicita on her feastday.
7. Angelites salute the Vicar of Christ, Pope Pius XII on his 80th birthday and his 17th anniversary of his coronation, with special prayers and special program.
9. Biology students present assembly on three major diseases of man — heart, cancer, and tuberculosis.
10. Via Peter Pan Bus Lines we enroute to Boston, Mass., to view "Pilate's Daughter."
11. Angelite Aspirants sponsor special evening program commemorating the anniversary and birthday of Pope Pius XII.
17. Feast of St. Patrick — Irish lassies appear with the "Irish smile" and the traditional green.
19. Old Man Winter huffed and puffed snow in all his fury . . . Angelites enjoy two days' vacation.
25. "Strew ye the palms" reechoes the praises of THAT FIRST PALM SUNDAY.
28. Seniors in a special assembly, interpret the newly-revised Holy Week Liturgy Services to the Freshmen Class.

APRIL

1. He Has Risen . . . Easter Morn . . . Alleluia . . . Alleluia.
2. Sister Mary Viterbia, Principal, attends the National Catholic Educational Association Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.
8. Feast of the Merciful Christ . . . Seniors pay homage to their class patron by attending Mass and Holy Communion.
9. Angelites resume classes with a springtime vigor . . . 4th term begins.
12. Angelite Staff sponsors luncheon.
13. Feast of the Annunciation (transferred from March 25) — Angelites join with the Archangel to chant Mary's praise, "Ave Maria, gratia plena." A Happy and a Blessed Feastday to Mother Mary Annuntiata.
- 16-18. Business Angelites take part in three business contests sponsored by the National Commercial Contests.
17. Latin Students participate in the 25th Annual Nationwide Latin Examination — Auxilium Latinum.
18. The National Annual French Contest challenges the students of French.

22. Prize-Winning Drama "Esther" enacted by cast of 80
23. Sophomore Guidance Group commemorate Vocation Month with a special assembly.
24. Joan Rogers '56 awarded first prize (\$75) in the Junior-Senior Division of the Sixth Annual Encyclical Essay Contest, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Labor Institute.
25. Marilyn Barbieri awarded scholarship to Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn.
25. Sister Mary Laurette addresses Parent Teachers Educator Group of St. Joseph School, Thompsonville, Connecticut.
25. The Commercial Club "Future Business Leaders of America" present Business Techniques.
27. Class of '58 sponsors annual Arbor Day ceremonies by planting a rose-colored hawthorn on the O.L.A. Campus.

MAY

1. May Day — Feast of St. Joseph the Workman — Colorful procession honors the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Good St. Joseph . . . The Traveling Virgin begins her annual May tour of the Angelite homes.
2. Quill and Scroll Society holds Candlelight Ceremony . . . presents awards to honor students in journalism . . . Editor-in-chief passes key of editorship to assistants.
3. Angelites of Polish descent don ribbons of red and white to commemorate Polish Independence Day.
9. A treat — A movie . . . "Mr. 880."
10. Marilyn Buckley '56 receives a nurse's grant from the State of Connecticut, Board of Examiners for Nursing.
13. Mother's Day — Sister Mary Laurette addresses Mothers at a Communion Breakfast — St. Mary's, Indian Orchard, Mass.
- 14-16. C.U. diploma seekers take Washington Comprehensives.
17. Angelite Choral Groups observe Mozart Bicentennial with a special assembly.
18. Feast of St. Felix — Community feast — RING DAY.
20. Sister Mary Doloria is guest speaker at the Annual Communion Breakfast of the Enfield Council of Catholic Women, St. Patrick's Church, Thompsonville, Connecticut.
21. Seniors depart for Washington, D.C.!
23. Students admire Father Flanagan's Boys' Town in a film "A Place Called Home."
28. Seniors return with wondrous tales of Washington.

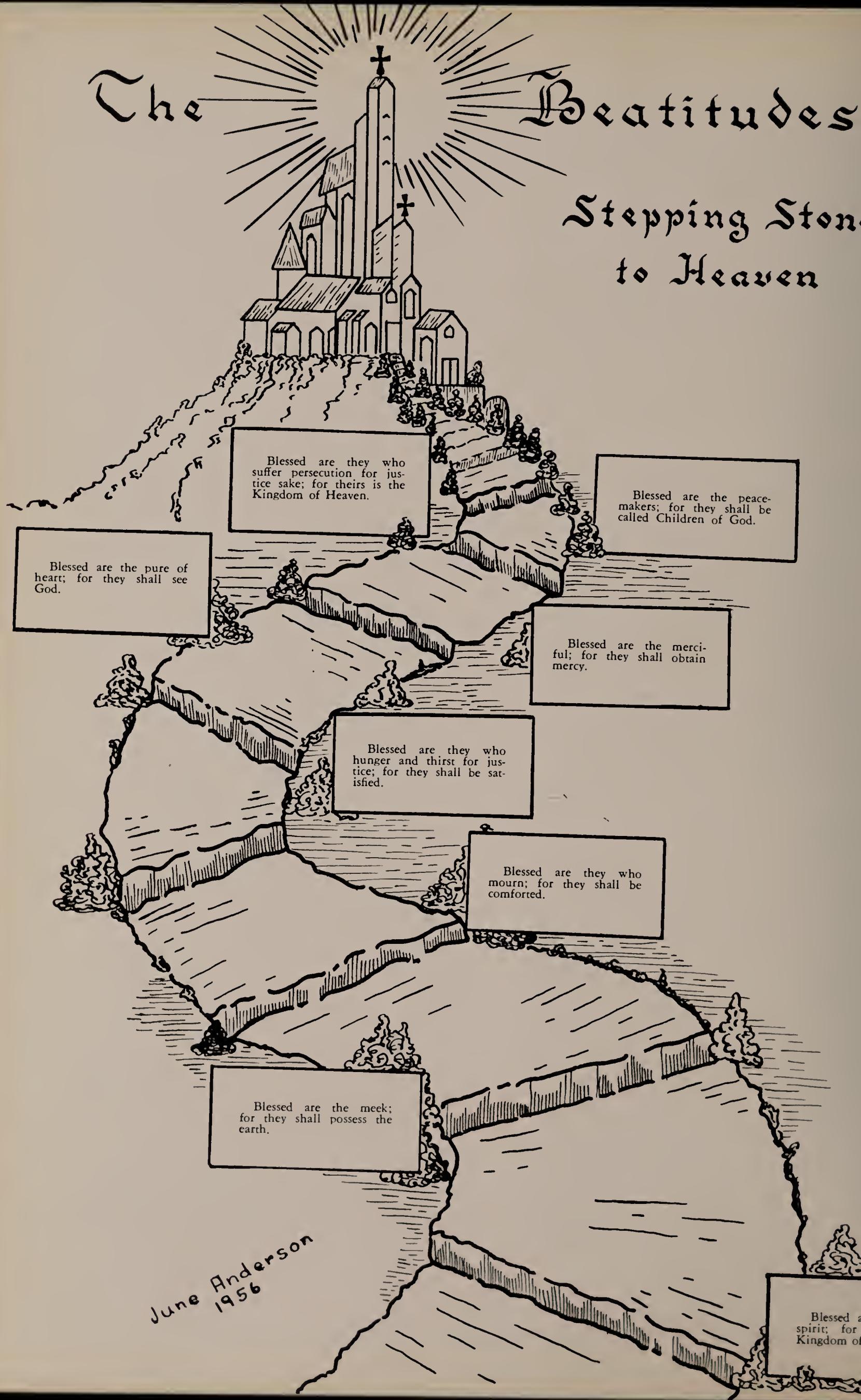
JUNE

3. Gaiety reigns supreme at Mother-Daughter Tea.
- 4-8. Days of final examination.
8. 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Feast of the Sacred Heart . . . Thy Kingdom Come, O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! . . . Angelites attend Mass of Thanksgiving and renew their Act of Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart.
10. COMMENCEMENT DAY!
12. Class Night . . . Seniors bid farewell to O.L.A. and pass the chain of cherished tradition to the Juniors.
13. School year terminates . . . Seniors bid final farewell to the faculty, to schoolmates, and to happy school days! GOODBYE! GOOD LUCK! GOD BLESS YOU!

The

Beatitudes

Stepping Stones to Heaven



Ad Multos Annos

Uroczystości Jubileuszowe "Papieża Maryi"

W jubileuszowych uroczystościach papieskich bieżącego roku brał udział cały świat. Z okazji osiemdziesięciolecia urodzin i siedemnastolecia Pontyfikatu obecnie nam panującego Papieża Piusa XII płynęły do "Wiecznego Miasta" gratulacje, życzenia i upominki wdzięczności i przywiązania do Stolicy Świętej, a do Serca Bożego trafiały strzałki gorących prośb o łaski potrzebne dla "Pierwszorzędnego Ministra Króla Miłości" jak nazywa Ojca Świętego — Ojciec Mateo.

Nic jednak w tym dziwnego, gdyż nie tylko Katolicy, ale i ludzie innych wyznań a nawet zacięci wrogowie Kościoła, uważają, Papieża Piusa XII za wielką osobistość, za największą postać historyczną w obecnym stuleciu, za dynamicznego działacza i najzdolniejszego męża stanu. Katolicy i niekatolicy zwracają się do Niego po otuchę, wskazówki i przewodnictwo. Jego pisma, przemowy i encykliki mają przeogromną wagę w świecie, a pole wiedzy Ojca Świętego jest zadziwiająco szerokie. Nasz obecny Ojciec Święty kierował i kieruje Łodzią Piotrową w czasach bardzo trudnych i burzliwych . . . w czasach wojen, rozterek, prześladowań, rozlewu krwi i wzmagających się obozem Chrystusa a obozem ducha ciemności. Stosunki takie wymagają od Ojca Świętego najroztrąpniejszej dyplomacji i taktu, aby zapobiec dalszemu zniszczeniu i by przywrócić światu ład i pokój upragniony.

Obecny Pontyfikat odznacza się dotąd w historii papiestwa niedorównaną działalnością, która zjednała Ojcu Świętemu Papieżowi XII wiele tytułów wielkości. Olśnił On każdą fazę życia kościołnego, a nader zmiennym stosunkom naszego wieku zaradzał z zadziwiającą odwagą, szybkością i roztrąpnością. Jego sławne encykliki "Mediator Dei" i "Mystici Corporis" jakotęż i znaczne zmiany w liturgii zjednały mu tytuł "Papieża Liturgii". Niewyczerpujące wysiłki o pokój trwały w burzliwym świecie i w dodatku imię Jego rodzinne "Pacelli" wysługiły Mu tytuł "Papieża Pokoju." Jego łaskawa przystępcość dla każdego bez różnicy wyznania, narodowości i stanowiska dały Mu prawo do tytułu "Papieża Ludu" . . . Jego ojcowska troskliwość, nie tylko dla swych owieczek, ale dla całej ludzkości uczyniły Go godnym tytułu "Anielskiego Pasterza". Zastanawiając się zaś nad wielką liczbą świętych beatyfikowanych i kanonizowanych przez panującego nam obecnie Ojca Świętego, to jednozgodnie świat przyznaje Mu tytuł "Papieża Świętych". Jednak tytułem najdroższym sercu Jego Świątobliwości — to tytuł "Papieża Maryi" . . . Nadzwyczajne i czule nabożeństwo Ojca Świętego do Maryi uwydatniło się w różnych wpadkach Jego Pontyfikatu, a przedewszystkim w ogłoszeniu Roku Maryjnego i Dogmatu Wniebowzięcia, w ustanowieniu świąt Niepokalanego Serca Maryi i Królowej Wszechświata, w wydaniu Encyklik o Maryi i w rozszerzaniu nabożeństwa różańcowego. Czyż to wszystko nie stwierdza Jego tkliwego przywiązania do Matki Boga, Jego miłości dziecięcej i ufności bezgranicznej w wstawiennictwo Maryi?

O jakże drogim jest ten tytuł Ojca Świętego. Polacy mają podwójny powód do radości, gdyż ta SAMA MATKA CZĘSTOCHOWSKA, KRÓLOWA POLSKI, która trzysta lat temu cudownie bronila Jasnej Góry . . . tak . . . Ta Samą . . . z głównego ołtarza w papieskiej kaplicy w Castel Gandolfo, codziennie patrzy dobrośliwie i uśmiecha się słodko do naszego Ukochanego Ojca w Chrystusie, do Piusa XII, czy to odprawiającego Mszę Świętą, czy też pogrzeżonego w modlitwie u Jej Stóp. Obraz ten — to dar Polski dla Piusa XI i jego następców. Nad nim na samym szczycie widnieje mapa kuta w marmurze. Po jednej stronie ołtarza obraz przedstawiający zwycięstwo Sobieskiego pod Wiedniem, po drugiej "Cud nad Wisłą" . . . dowody macierzyńskiej troskliwości i opieki Królowej Polski nad naszą Ojczyzną.

Kiedy w uroczystym dniu jubileuszowym Ojca Świętego Polacy za granicą, zastępując swych braci współrodaków skazanych na milczenie poza żelazną kurtyną, łączyli się z całym światem katolickim w okazaniu swych uczuć synowskiej miłości, hołdu i wierności . . . radowali się, że ten "PAPIEŻ MATKI BOŻEJ" tak często klęka do modlitwy właśnie przed obrazem Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej . . . O bądźmy pewni, że Pani Częstochowska codziennie słyszy z ust Ojca Świętego ten sam powtarzany modlitewny szept z prośbą o zmiłowanie i opiekę nad tym "NARODEM," którego jest "WŁADCYNIĄ" i "KRÓLOWĄ" od trzystu lat.

Wiele mamy dowodów tego szczególnego nabożeństwa Ojca Chrześcijaństwa do Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej, oraz Jego trosk-



liwości i przychylności dla Jej Królestwa, nie tylko w Jego listach i odezwach skierowanych do naszego narodu ale i w czynach dobrotczych.

"Naród Polski," mówi Ojciec Święty na początku swego "Listu Papieskiego o Częstochowie," . . . "zawsze chwalebna Królowa tylu zwycięstwami wstawioną tak wielką otaczał czcią że w niej nikomu nie pozwolił się wyprzedzić, a Matka Najświętsza odwzajemniała się wam za to czule nabożeństwo tym widoczniejszą pomocą im groźniejsze było niebezpieczeństwo."

"Wolni od trwogi," nawiąże dalej Ojciec Święty, "zwróćcie oczy wasze z panową gorliwością do Bogarodzicy i Królowej waszej, co dziewczętą stopą starła piekielnego wroga . . . a najmiłościwsza Matka nie opuści napewno ukochanych przez siebie Polaków, którzy według słów waszego przesławnego wieszcza, Adama Mickiewicza, są OBRONĀMI MARYI I JEJ IMIENIEM ŹYJĄ."

O jakaś serdeczna troska o los Narodu polskiego przebija się choćby w następujących słowach Namiestnika Chrystusowego: "Powiedziecie im, iż Namiestnik Chrystusa miluje Polskę całą i nosi ją swym sercu . . . Papież bardzo kocha Polskę . . . to jest prawda . . ." — A Polska odwdzięcza tę papieską wspaniałomyślność i tę ojcowską dobroć i troskliwość — miłością, synowską, hołdem woli i poddanstwa, stałym przywiązaniem do Papieża, gotowa jeśli potrzeba, przypieczętować wierność Stolicy Świętej własną krwią, bo Polak zawsze płaci "SERCEM" za "SERCE".

"NIECH ŹYJE NAMIESTNIK CHRYSTUSA . . . DAJ MU BOŻE JAK NAJDŁUŻSZE LATA" . . . ten okrzyk serdecznych życzeń i żarliwej modlitwy wydzierza się z piersi każdego Polaka w tym "ROKU WIELKICH ROCZNIC — PAPIEŻA MARYI."

"Polska
Najświętszego



Apostołka
Serca"

*"Przygarnij do Siebie i nasz naród cały
Dawne cnoty wzbudź w nim, gorliwość Twej chwały;
Gdy Tobie kornie się zniża,
Niech Twe Serce doń się zbliza;
Ocalze nas, Boże... Niech nas wróg nie zmoże."*

Uroczystość Serca Jezusowego — to promyk słoneczny w kalendarzu Świąt kościelnych . . . promyk przyświecający światu światłem prawdy . . . promyk, ogrzewający serca ludzkie miłością Bożą . . . promyk, ozłaczający dusze kruszczem drogocennych łask Serca Bożego . . . przez STO ostatnich LAT, od chwili jak Papież Pius IX ogłosił światu to Święto. W dniu 8 czerwca b.r., gdy świat katolicki składał ponowny hołd Bożemu Sercu obchodząc pamiątkę tego wielkiego zdarzenia, Polska jedna z najpierwszych Apostołek Najświętszego Serca, z świętą dumą mogła się poszczycić, że będzie wnet obchodziła nie stuletnią rocznicę, ale dwustulecie jego posiadania. Znana jest powszechnie oficjalna odezwa Serca Bożego do świata w objawieniach zleconych Świętej Małgorzacie Marii Alacoque dnia 27 grudnia 1673 roku, lecz w jakimże to cieniu nieświadomości pozostaje fakt, że POLSKA wyprzedziła wypowiedziane życzenie Pana Jezusa żebrzącego o odwzajemnienie tej przeogromnej miłości, jaką pałało Jego Boskie Serce ku ludziom, a za którą odbierał tylko oziębłość. O tak . . . POLSKA była jednym z pierwszych krajów, na który zbawcze słońce kultu Bożego Serca zsyłało swe złociste promienie, nie tylko miłości Bożej, ale i apostolstwa, rozświecając i rozgrzewając serca "Synów Polskich" do wierności Bogu, Kościołowi i Ojczyźnie. Wszak pierwsza Litania do Serca Pana Jezusa — to utwór wielkiego Apostoła Serca Jezusowego, polskiego Jezuisty, Ojca Kaspера Drużbickiego z Poznania, który również wydał pierwsze w świecie dzieło o Bożym Sercu p.t. "Serce Jezusa celem serc wszystkich." Ciekawy jest fakt, że Ojciec Drużbicki umarł w 1662 r., a objawienia Św. Małgorzaty miały miejsce dopiero w 1675 r. to jest, kilkanaście lat po jego śmierci. Zaledwie 48 lat po śmierci Świętej, bo w r. 1723, biskupi Polski, pierwsi z wszystkich biskupów katolickiego świata, udali się do Stolicy Apostolskiej z oficjalną prośbą o przyspieszenie zatwierdzenia kultu Serca Bożego. Jezus, niedający się nigdy przescignąć w swej miłości i hojności, nagradza

naród nasz za tę gorliwość apostolską i Polska ze wszystkich krajów w świecie już w roku 1765 pierwsza otrzymuje od Papieża Klemensa XIII przywilej obchodzenia publicznego święta Najświętszego Serca Jezusowego oraz celebrowania Mszy Świętej o Bożym Sercu. Inne narody jeszcze długo na to czekać musiały.

Płomyk miłości naszej Ojczyzny ku Najświętszemu Sercu Jezusowemu wybucha ogniem apostolstwa i żarem swym ogarnia inne kraje. W roku 1724 królewna polska Maria Leszczyńska wychodzi zamąż za króla Francji Ludwika XV i tym sposobem staje się wielką apostołką Bożego Serca we Francji, gdzie się to Serce Najświętsze objawiło Siostrze Małgorzacie Marii. Jej córka, królewna Ludwika, porzuca dwór królewski, wstępuje do Karmelitanek i tam jako Siostra Teresa od Św. Augustyna całe swe życie poświęca Apostolstwu Najświętszego Serca. I otóż POLSKA przez swe apostołki staje się żywym "Posłańcem Serca Jezusa" w obcym kraju.

MARYJA, Królowa Polski, i SERCE JEZUSOWE . . . oto największe skarby naszego narodu. Ale nie dziwmy się temu, że Polacy, jako pierwszy w świecie naród wynieśli to Serce no ołtarze i że pierwsi poczeli obchodzić Jego uroczyste Święto. Nie mogło być inaczej . . . bo gdzie MARYJA, tam JESUS . . . tam i Jego BOSKIE SERCE . . . tak, to SERCE . . . które tak blizutko było przy Sercu Matki Niepokalanej. W roku 1656 Król Jan Kazimierz obiera Maryję za Królową Polski. Zauważmy, że prawie równocześnie wspomniany powyżej Ojciec Drużbicki szerzy kult Bożego Serca . . . O, bo MARYJA MATKA CZESTOCHOWSKA, KRÓLOWA POLSKI-to MATKA SERCA JEZUSOWEGO. Jej to zawsze zyczamy, że naród Polski tak przylgnął do Serca Jej Boskiego Syna.

W tym roku poświęconym uczczeniu Najświętszego Serca, aby to miłosierne Serce Jezusa według słów powyżej przytoczonej pieśni polskiej "przygarnęło nasz przesładowany naród do Siebie, wzbudziło w nim dawne cnoty i gorliwość o chwałę Bożą . . . Oby zbliżyło się do wszystkich serc i rodzin polskich i zakrólowało w nich powrotnie . . ."

NAJŚWIĘTSZE SERCE JEZUSA, PRZYJDŹ KRÓLESTWO TWOJE!

Polski Rok Maryjny (od 3 maja 1956 r. do 3 maja 1957 r.)



Z Katedry Lwowskiej na falach pędzącego przez trzysta długich lat czasu przypłynęły do nas, do wrót 1956 roku, te słowa ślubów Króla Kazimierza, który obrał Maryję za KRÓLOWĄ POLSKI. Wówczas rozplakane głosy tłumu zgromadzonego w świątyni Państkiej zagrzmiały zapalnym "Amen, Amen, Amen," na świadectwo, że swoje uczucia i swoje wota ze ślubem królewskim łączą.

W tym jubileuszowym polskim roku maryjnym związanym właśnie z trzechsetną rocznicą tychże ślubów Jana Kazimierza, Obrony Częstochowy i ogłoszenia Matki Bożej Królową Polski, serca nasze . . . serca wszystkich Polaków, tak tych którzy za żelazną kurtyną zmuszeni są do milczenia, jakież i tych, których nielitościwa ręka straszliwej wojny rozproszyła po całym świecie, odpowiadają echem wznowionej gorliwości i miłości dla Rzeczypospolitej i Jej Wszechwładnej Królowej . . . dla wszystkiego, co nasze . . . co Polskie. Polacy zdala od Polski łączą się duchem z braćmi swoimi w obchodzeniu tego polskiego Roku Maryjnego przez życie godne krwi swych ojców tylekroć wylewanej za Wiarę i w ich płynącej żyłach przez uczynki spełniane na chwałę Tej, która jest Królową Polski i świata całego. Cudną tkaninę momentów religijno-maryjnych i narodowych, tak bliskich sercu każdego Polaka w tym roku wielkich rocznic . . . w tym roku rozpoczynającym dziesięciolecie przed Millennium Chrztu Polski, niech przeplata złota nic wdzięczności dla Jasnowskiej Maryi za tylekrotną obronę i nad naszym narodem polskim . . . "Cud nad Wisłą" . . . "Jasna Góra" . . . "Zwycięstwo Sobieskiego pod Wiedniem" . . . oto lśniące gwiazdy na maryjnym niebie Królestwa

"Ciebie za Patronkę moją i Państwa mego KRÓLOWĄ dzisiaj obieram . . . Mnie, Królestwo moje . . . wojsko i pospółstwo . . . wszystko Twojej osobliwej opiece i obronie polecam . . . w moim, ministrów, senatorów, szlachty i pospółstwa imieniu, obieczę Ci, że czesc' i chwałę Syna Twojego Jezusa Chrystusa Zbawiciela naszego rozszerzać będę po wszystkich krainach królestwa polskiego, postanawiając, że gdy złitowaniem Syna Twego otrzymam zwycięstwo nad Szwedem, będę się starał, by rocznice tego w mym państwie i to aż do skończenia świata solennie czczono rozpamiętywaniem łaski Boskiej i Twojej, Panno Przeczysta . . ."

Częstochowskiej Pani . . . ale miliardowe gwiazdeczki codziennej macierzyńskiej troskliwości o naród przez siebie umiłowany nie przestały migotać ani na chwileczkę z dnia na dzień . . . z roku na rok . . . ze stulecia na stulecie . . .

Wzywając się w cudną historię naszego maryjnego narodu, opromienionego uzasadnionym tytułem "Przedmurza Chrześcijaństwa" . . . starajmy się ażeby 300-lecie Królowania Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej uczcić wdzięcznością . . . pokutą . . . i modlitwą. Nakłaniając się do "Pasterskiej Odezwy" jaką do wszystkich w świecie Polaków wydał J. E. Ks. Arcybiskup Józef Gawlina, — "Niechaj każde serce polskie stanie się małą Częstochową, Jasną Góra miłości i cnoty." Wsłuchani w życzenie Piusa XII — "byśmygodnymi uroczystościami wspaniale uczcili pamiętkę pomocy, jakiej nam użyczyła Bogurodzica Dziewica, niezwyciężona Patronka Polski, czujna Strażniczka chrześcijańskiej wolności," czynimy wszystko, co nam serce i umysł każe, by uświadomić sobie, że jesteśmy narodem Maryjnym; że poddanstwo nasze Królowej Częstochowskiej domaga się od nas wypełnienia ślubów Narodu. Rok 1956 ma być wielkodusznym oddaniem się naszym Jasnowskiej Maryi bez żadnego "ale" . . . tak, aby Polska Maryjna stała się "LATARNIĄ MORSKĄ" . . . przyświecającą całemu światu przykładem odnowionego nabożeństwa, przywiązania i wierności dziecięcej, a zarazem poddańczej, dla Przeczystej Matki Boga, a swej Królowej i Pani Częstochowskiej, której Serce przebijają ośmy miecz bolesci . . . miecz wtłoczony przez nieprzyjaciół Jej Ukochanego Narodu . . .

*Czemu z Twoich przestodkich oczu spływa łza perlista,
A na zranionym Obliczu — smutku chmurka mglista?*

*"Ach, bo Serce me macierzyńskie tak bardzo rani."
Odpowiedziała z wyrazem współczucia Częstochowska Pani;
"Wróg mego narodu, Królestwo moje tak uciska i gnębi,
Chęć wydrzeć mu wiarę zakorzenioną w serca głębi."*

*Łzy współczucia Maryi, Matki naszej, czule otrzymyjmy,
Co sił starczy 300-lecie Jej Królestwa uczciśmy;
A Ona Naród nasz zaprowadzi na zwycięstw wyżyny,
Skrone "Męstwa Polskiego" uwieńczy w uaurzyn."*

Miłe Wspomnienia



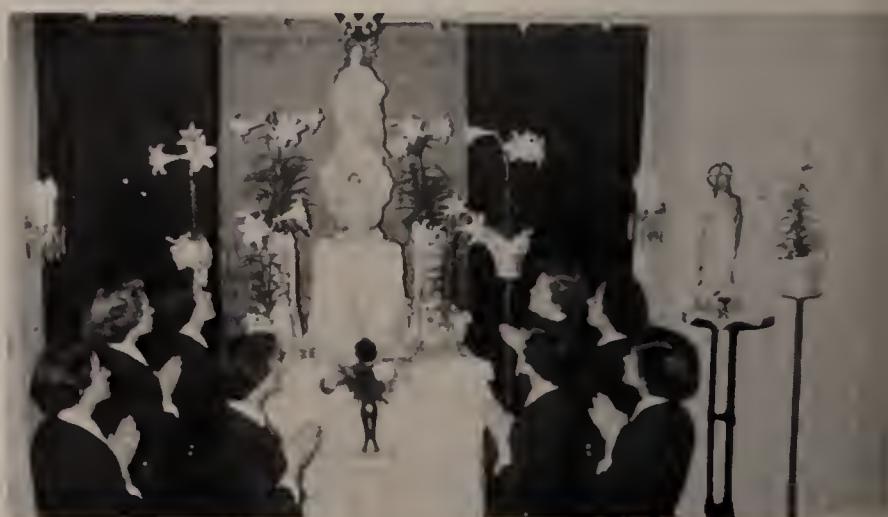
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Podarunki wielkanocne od Wielebnej Matki



Po zabawie śnieżnej



"Wesołe Alleluja" u stóp Maryi



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Majowa Procesja

Akt 1 — Scena 2: — Pałac Królowej

Najpiękniejsze panny z całego królestwa, z pomiedzy których ma być wybrana nowa królowa, zabawiają Króla imponującym tańcem.



Akt 2 — Scena 2: — Ogród w pałacu Królowej Estery

Estera spotyka się z swym przybranym ojcem, Mordecheuszem, który oznajmia jej smutną nowinę o mającej nastąpić okrutnej rzezi narodu żydowskiego z rozkazu Króla.



Akt 2 — Scena 1: — Zewnętrzny dziedziniec pałacu królewskiego.

Sekretarz królewski spisuje okrutny dekret króla zmierzający do zagłady ludu izraelskiego.



Estera

"Estera," piękny i pouczający dramat biblijny w trzech aktach, odegrany przez Internatki z okazji Imienin Wilebnej Matki, oparty jest na tle wypadków historycznych ludu Izraelskiego z czasów niewoli perskiej. Estera, grająca najgłówniejszą rolę, żyje na wygnaniu wraz z swym przybranym ojcem, Mordecheuszem. Król perski, Ahasuerus, wysławszy Królową Vashti na wygnanie, obiera Esterę za swą następną Królową. Haman, pyszny i próżny dworzanin i minister Króla, jest poprostu rozwścieklony prawnym postępowaniem Mordecheusza, który mu odmawia czci należnej tylko Bogu Samemu. Niepomny tego, iż Królowa Estera pochodzi z rodu żydowskiego, swymi intrygami i podły pochlebstwem nakłania króla, by zarządził ogólną rzeź Izraelitów. Estera, w obecności Króla na bankiecie odkrywa złość Hamana, ocala naród swój od zagłady i staje się opatrznościowym narzędziem w odzyskaniu utraconej wolności dla niego. Haman, zaś, z rozkazu Króla, ginie na tej samej szubienicy, którą podstępnie zgotował dla Mordecheusza, który jednak teraz staje się właściwym dőbr Hamana i doradcą królewskim. ESTERA, która wybawiła żydów od śmierci jest figurą Najświętszej Maryi Panny, która zostając Matką Zbawiciela, wybawiła cały ród ludzki od śmierci wiecznej.

*Wielkie
Rocznice*



*Wielkiej
Postaci
Narodowej*

HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ

Na tle POLSKIEGO ROKU MARYJNEGO cudnie zarysuje się postać tego, który w "Trylogii" mistrzowskim swym piórem tak obrazowo, malowniczo, prześlicznie i żywo, a przytem z tak przedziwną prostotą odmalował OBRONĘ Częstochowy i ŚLUBY NARODOWE KRÓLA JANA KAZIMIERZA — te wielkie rocznice, które stanowią treść bieżącego roku jubileuszowego naszej Ojczyzny. O tak . . . z szeregu przejasnych, na niwie pracy ojczystej zasłużonych postaci czołowo wybija się w tym roku 1956-tym postać najznakomitszego powieściopisarza świata, HENRYKA SIENKIEWICZA, który do obchodów narodowych bieżącego roku wnosi swoje cztery własne rocznice, mianowicie: — 110-lecie swych URODZIN, 80-lecie swych ODWIEDZIN DO STANÓW ZJEDNOCZONYCH, 60-lecie PRZETŁUMACZENIA SWEJ NAJBARDZIEJ ROZPOWSZECHNIONEJ POWIEŚCI "QUO VADIS," i 40-lecie ŚMIERCI.

Wieszcza nasz urodził się 4 maja 1846 roku w Woli Okrzeskiej na Podlasiu, tej ziemi przesiąkniętej krwią mečeńską naszych braci rodaków. Kształcił się najpierw w szkołach pod zarządem moskiewskim i już tutaj młodociane serce wiernego Syna Ojczyzny słysząc bezczelne kłamstwa rzucane na naród nasz polski, ślubowało do wieści świata i wrogom, że Polska jest wielką i potężną, a jej naród szlachetny i rycerski. Po ukończeniu szkół elementarnych i średnich wstąpił na Uniwersytet Warszawski, a po powstaniu 1863 r., gdy w Polsce zapanowało wielkie przygnębienie, budził w narodzie ducha, zachęcając Polaków do pracy i poświęcenia dla dobra Ojczyzny. Podróżował bardzo dużo po Europie i Afryce. W r. 1876 puścił się w podróż do Ameryki, by odwiedzić swych braci rodaków na obczyźnie i tu napisał rzewną nowelkę pt. "Latarnik."

Po dwóch latach powrócił Sienkiewicz do Polski i tutaj spod pióra wieszcza wyszła najbardziej u nas znana powieść historyczna z wieku 17-go tzn. "TRYLOGIA": — "Ogniem i Mieczem," "Potop," i "Pan Wołodyjowski." Napisał je ku pokrzepieniu serc rodaków, bo opisuje te chwile, kiedy na Polskę spadły straszne klęski polityczne, a jednak podzwignęła się znowu i zajasniała bohaterstwem, gdyż byli ludzie, co wierzyli w przyszłość i umieli się zdobyć na poświęcenie dla Ojczyzny. Po kilku miesiącach w powieści "KRZYŻACY" przypomniał znow

narodowi, że miał i ma do czynienia z potężnym wrogiem, który nie zna litości i kieruje się nienawiścią używając niecnych środków ku naszej zagładzie. W prześlicznej zaś powieści dla młodzieży, pt. "W PUSTYNI I W PUSZCZY" szło mu o wyrobienie w człowieku tęgiego charakteru w walce z przeciwnościami i szlachetnych uczuć.

Wszechświatową sławę zdobyła mu bardziej dla cudzoziemców zrozumiała powieść pt. "QUO VADIS," w której przedstawia zwycięstwo moralne pokornych, prześladowanych chrześcijan w wieku pierwszym po Chrystusie nad potężnym, lecz duchowo upadającym światem rzymskim. Za tę powieść otrzymał wielce zaszczytną nagrodę "Nobla" udzielaną tylko najznakomitszym pisarzom. Powieść ta przetłumaczona na wszystkie języki, przypominała światu, w którym smutno, ciężko i duszno było żyć, tę wzniosłą prawdę, że "bez wiary w Boga i bez cnoty, wszystko jest udręczeniem ducha." . . . Imię Sienkiewicza poznał cały świat, a przez niego Polskę i jej piękne bohateriske czyny i dzieje. Chyliły się przed nim czoła. Szanowali i uwielbiali go wszyscy nawet nasi wrogowie.

Ale SIENKIEWICZ — to nie tylko wielka figura literacka . . . SIENKIEWICZ — to ARCHANIOŁ, który stał na straży praw naszego narodu protestując przeciwko bezprawiu i barbarzyństwu względem naszego narodu, ujmując się u cesarza rosyjskiego za pokrzywdzonymi rodakami. SIENKIEWICZ — to również najtroszliwszy OJCIEC wszystkich Polaków, a szczególnie polskich dzieci. Wszak w czasie drugiej wojny światowej, będąc w Szwajcarii, i licząc blisko 70 lat, walczył słowem i piórem, a na jego głos i jego imię szła żywność dla polskich dzieci. Ameryka, Francja, Anglia, Japonia wysyłały okręty żywności dla biednych ofiar wojny w Polsce.

Nie dziw, że nad jego śmiercią w roku 1910, zapłakał cały naród, a z każdego polskiego serca popłynęła gorąca modlitwa do Boga o spokój jego duszy. Zwłoki jego sprowadzono z Szwajcarii do Warszawy w r. 1924 i złożono w podziemiach katedry Świętego Jana.

I my również obchodząc tę pamiętną rocznicę naszego wieszcza i pisarza cieszącego się wszechświatową sławą składajmy swe polskie serca u jego stóp oddając cześć należącą wielkiemu — "PISARZOWI — WSKRZESIĘCIELOWI DUCHA NARODOWEGO — PRAWDZIWYMU I ZASŁUŻONYMU SYNOWI NASZEJ OJCZYZNY."

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Stasia Perzan

"Powstali również liczni mistrze słowa, którzy ze spiżu uczyli ramę harfy, a ze złota nawiązali na nią struny, a wówczas poczęła śpiewać ta POLSKA HARFA i wyśpiewywać dawne życie. Aż przyszedł wreszcie tej harfy największy z mistrzów, i położywszy na niej dlonie wydostał z jej strun takie dźwięki . . . że wówczas nawet, gdy przestawał grać, wszystkim się zdawało, że WIELKI MISTRZ gra jeszcze, a to echo grało, echo serc polskich."



Sabina Kłamborowska

"Przed żywą królową zawsze można uderzyć czołem i przynieść jej skarby w ofierze. Ta zaś nasza KRÓLOWA, którą on (Słowacki) obdarzył, była i będzie nie tylko żywa, ale i nieśmiertelna POLSKA MOWA."

Modlitwa do Królowej Polski

Najświętsza Matko Nasza Królowo Polski, upadamy z pokorą przed Tobą w trzechsetlecie cudownej obrony Jasnej Góry i Twego nad narodem naszym panowania. W wiekopomną, rocznicę Twego Jasnogórskiego zwycięstwa i ślubów Jana Kazimierza dziękujemy za uwolnienie narodu od zalewu herezji, od potopu szwedzkiego i za matczyną opiekę przez wieki.



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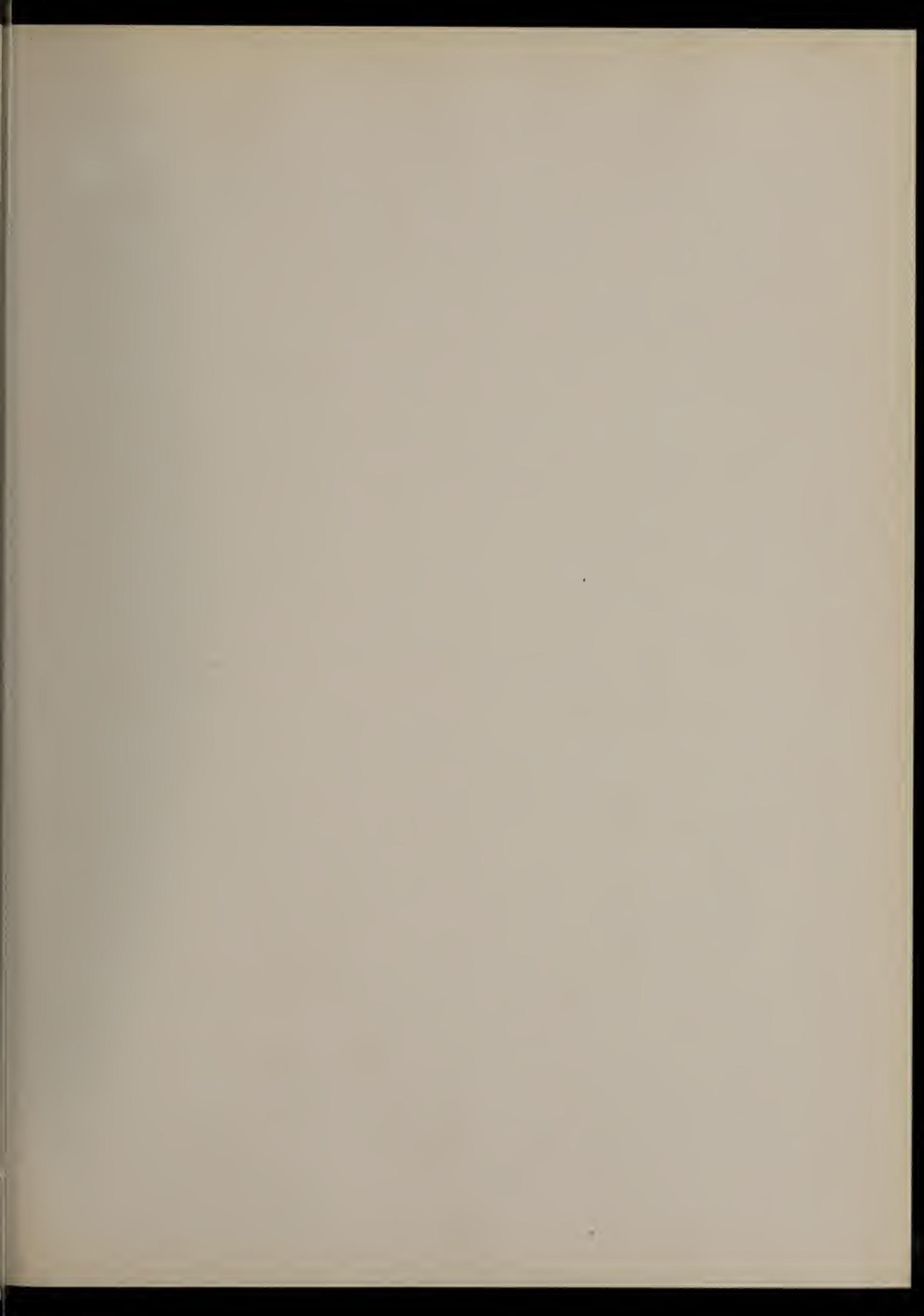
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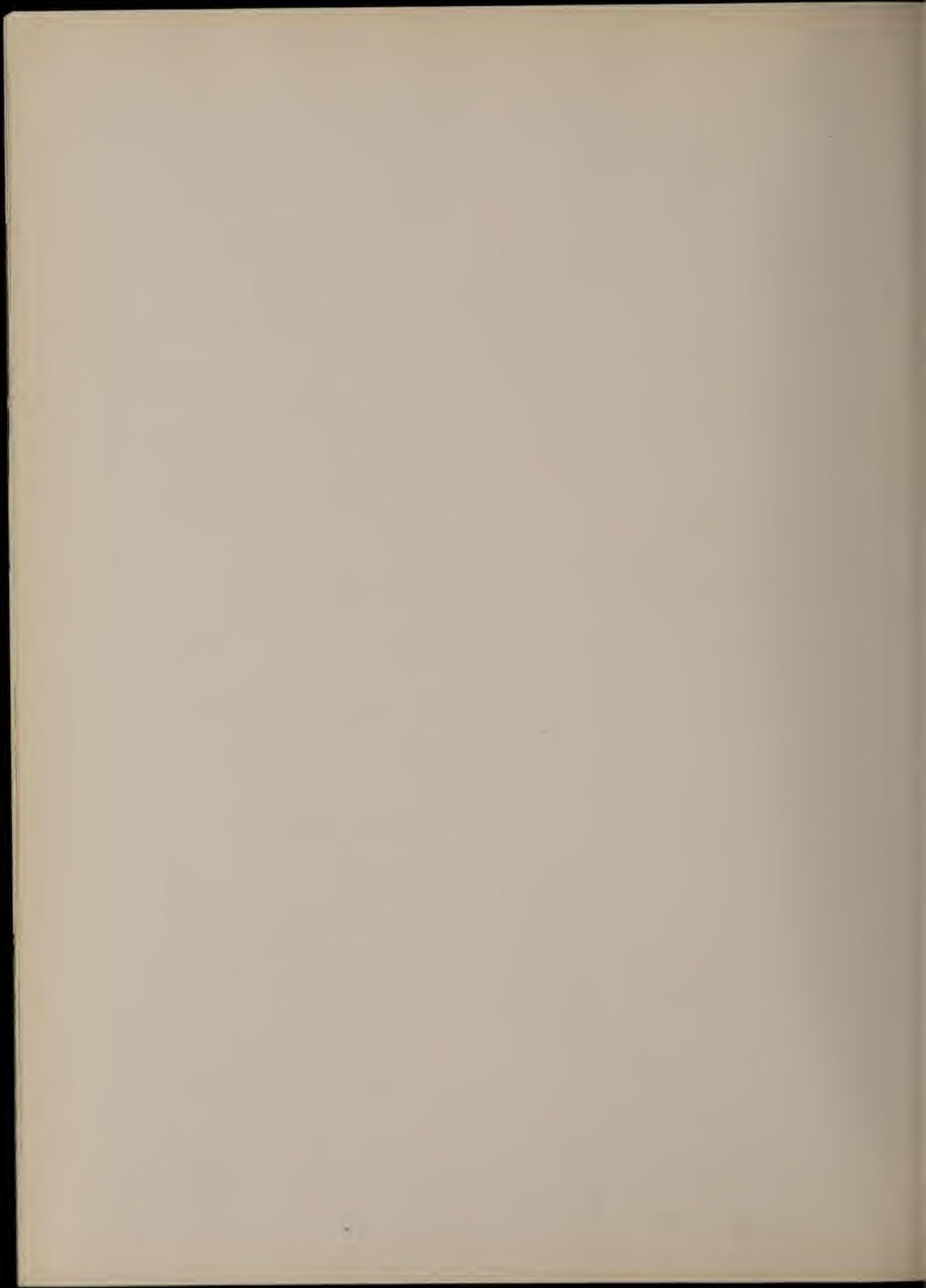
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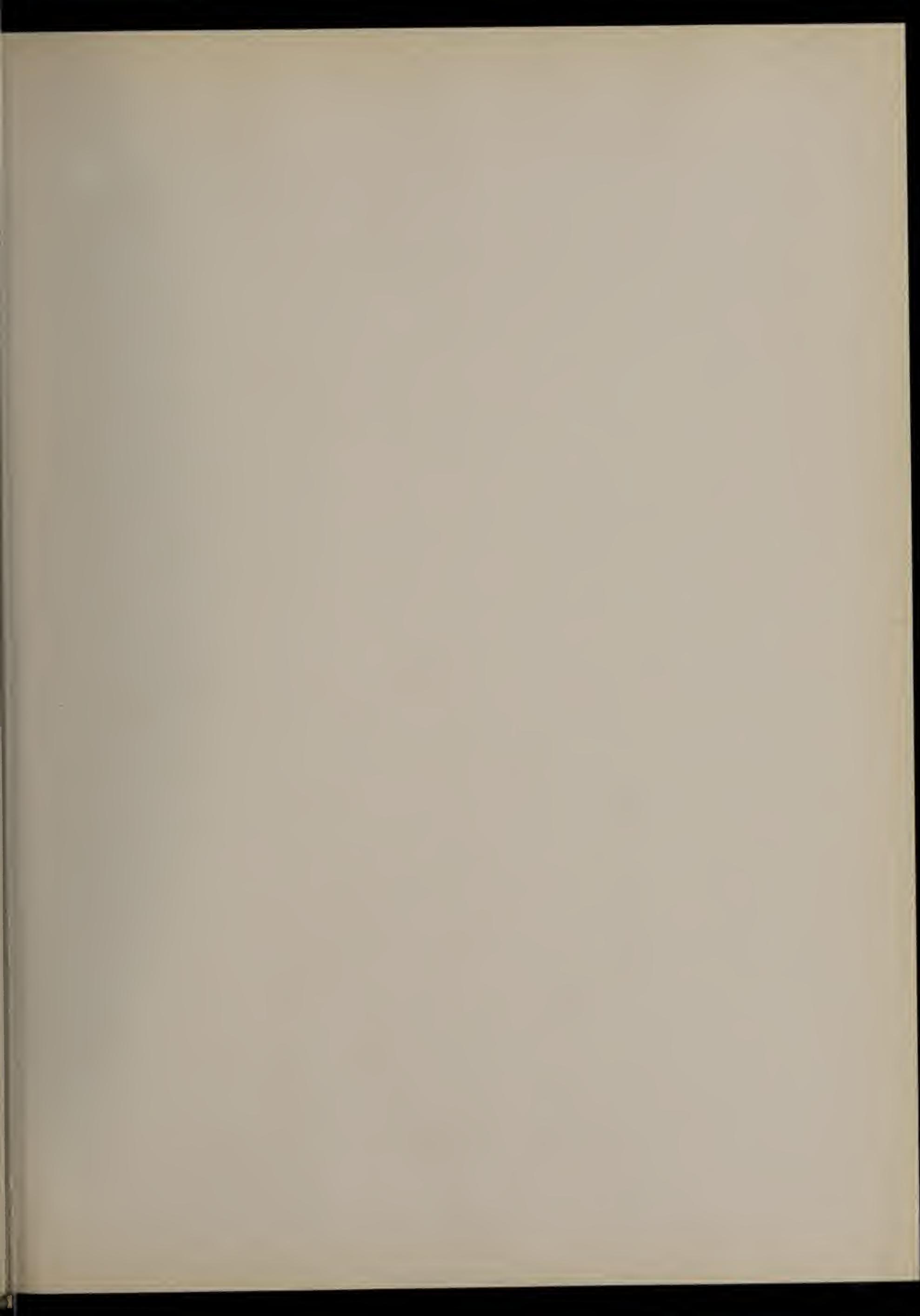
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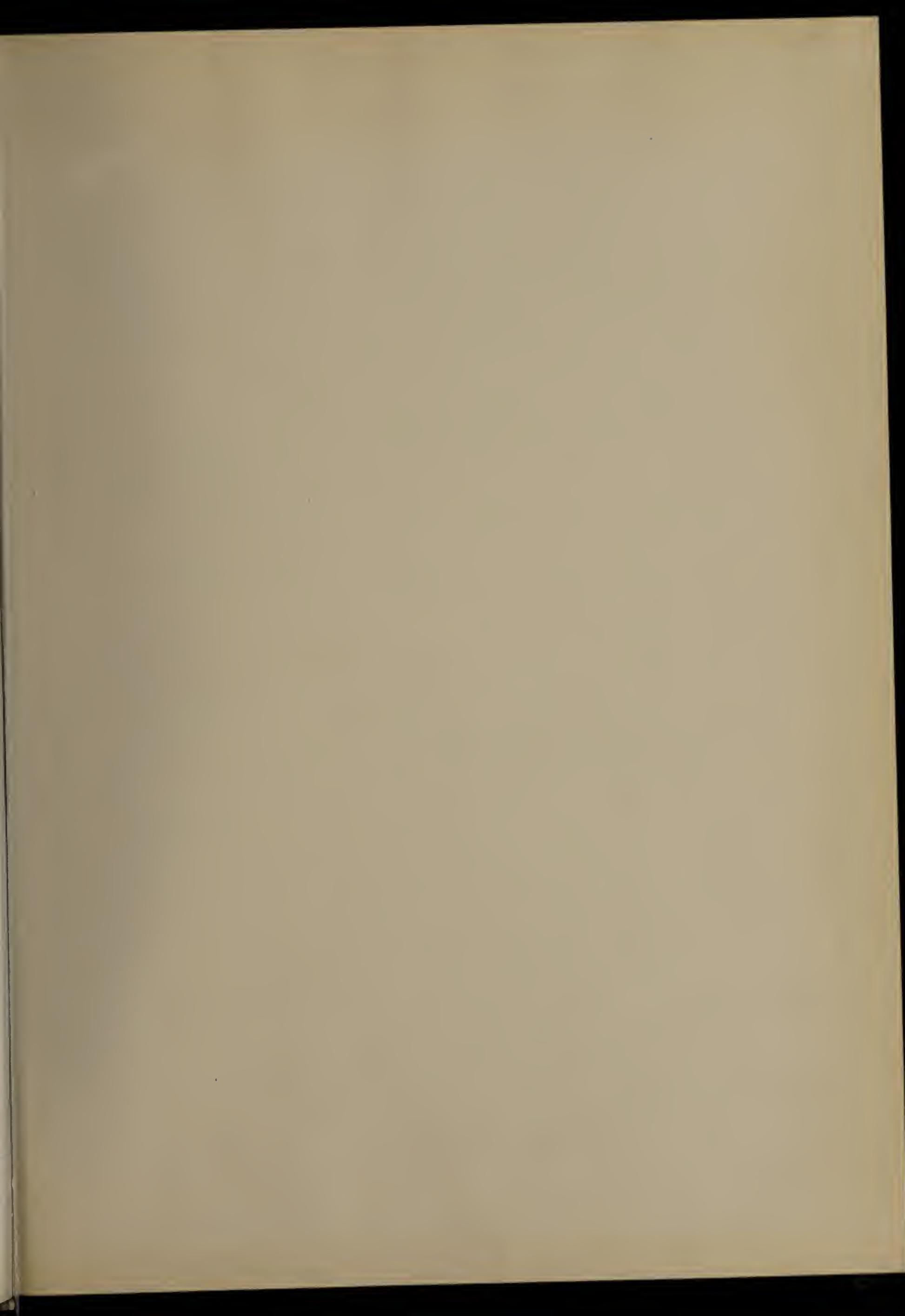
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I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.

I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.

I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

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Feast of the
Sacred Heart

